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# PREFACE.



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**U**NTIL quite recently, but little attention has been given to the preservation of biography except in so far as it pertained to the preferred classes — persons who had been prominent in governmental affairs, or distinguished in their profession or calling, or in some way made conspicuous before the public, requiring that more than usual should be known of the individual. Within the past decade, however, there has been a growing demand for the preservation of not only biography but for family genealogy, not altogether for its immediate worth, but for its future value and a laudable pride in its perpetuation for coming generations. The expediency of placing in book form biographical history and genealogy of the representative public is beyond question, and not many years shall have elapsed before the *person* who has not taken some steps to preserve his family record will be considered as *not worth the effort*.

That the representative public are entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this kind needs no assertion at our hands, for one of our greatest Americans has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest, progressive and representative citizens. This medium then serves more than a single purpose: while it preserves biography and family genealogy it records history that would not be preserved in any other way. This will, perhaps, be illustrated most strikingly by references in these sketches to the period of the war of the rebellion.

Of the necessity of preserving family records in permanent form, one needs the experience of a collector of material for work of this character, for in a majority of cases nearly all trace of ancestry is lost back of the grandfather and grandmother — even in families where prominence and intelligence would seem to guarantee better things.

In many other instances the material composing the sketches in this volume has been gathered from those immediately interested, and then submitted through the mails in type written form for correction and revision.

The historical portion of the volume is all that was promised, and contains many of the most important events in the history of this, the earliest settled and most important section, in a historical sense, in the State.

The mechanical part of the book speaks for itself, the material and workmanship being all that was promised and of standard excellence.

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# CLARK COUNTY.

(BY WILLIAM LEE, ESQ.)

THE history of Clark county covers, to a large extent, the history of the early settlement of the southeastern part of the present State of Indiana. Clark county can claim the proud eminence of occupying the second generation of Indiana counties. Knox county, created by gubernatorial proclamation, before even Indiana territory had been carved out of the great North West Territory, covered nearly the whole of what now constitutes the States of Indiana and Illinois.

Clark county was the first to be created out of the territory included within the original boundaries of Knox, so that, at the time of its formation no county intervened between the original Clark and Knox counties. Knox county was organized June 20, 1790 and was made to include all of the country between Hamilton and St. Clair counties from the Ohio river to the Lakes.

Emigrants from some of the southern States had begun to settle along the Ohio river, and it was found necessary to form other divisions for the convenience of the people, and so on the 3rd day of February, 1801, a new

county was formed, like that of its predecessor by gubernatorial proclamation, including within its boundaries as follows: Beginning on the Ohio at the mouth of Blue river, now the boundary line between Harrison and Crawford counties, up the said river to where the trail leading from Vincennes to the Ohio Falls crosses said river; thence by a direct line to the nearest point on White river; thence up said river to the branch thereof which runs towards Fort Recovery, and from the head springs of said branch to Fort Recovery; thence along the boundary line between Indiana Territory and the North West Territory, south to the Ohio river; thence down said river to the place of beginning.

It may be a little difficult at this day to trace the boundary lines as then given, but it can be, with tolerable accuracy, with a map of the State before one, traced and its lines approximately determined.

The exact place where the road leading from Vincennes to Clarksville, crossed Blue river, may not be now known, but it was not far from the point where the New Albany & Vin-

ences Turnpike road now crosses it at or near the old town of Fredericksburg in Washington county. This grand scope of territory, containing near one-fifth of the present State of Indiana, the whole of the southeastern portion of it, was named after that grand and heroic man, Gen. George Rogers Clark, to whom this country is mainly indebted for the possession of the great Northwest Territory.

No other name could have been so fitly applied as that of Clark to a county which included, not only the town of Clarksville, the then home of General Clark, but included the grant of land made to his soldiers by the State of Virginia by act of January 2nd, 1781.

This grant of land, not to exceed one hundred and forty-nine thousand acres, to be apportioned to General George Rogers Clark and the officers and soldiers of his regiment who were at the reduction of the "Kaskaskias and St. Vincent," (Kaskaskia and Vincennes) in 1778. The grant was to be located on the northwest side of the Ohio River at such place as a majority of the officers entitled to the land bounty should choose.

They selected their lands adjacent to the Ohio Falls, upon which almost the whole of Clark county within its present boundary is now situated. A small portion of this grant lies in the adjoining counties of Floyd and Scott.

It is difficult to trace the history of the early settlement in detail of Clark county. Apart from its military oc-

cupancy very little settlement was made prior to the year 1800, when the Indiana Territory was converted into a separate organization from that of the Northwest Territory and given a territorial government with Gen. W. H. Harrison its Governor. Reference has already been made to the fact that the Legislature of the State of Virginia, in consideration of the important military services which Gen. George Rogers Clark had rendered that State, had donated to him and his brave soldiers a tract of land which was located on the northwest bank of the Ohio river.

In addition to the land bounty granted to Clark and his soldiers a thousand acres, lying along the Ohio Falls nearly opposite Louisville, was granted for the location of a town to be called Clarksville. The exact time of the settlement of Clarksville is a little uncertain, but from the best data that can be had it must have been about the year 1783. Notwithstanding General Clark made it his home, and Fort Clark was located here, around which many a sensational scene was enacted, its growth was but slow, for it is alluded to in 1797 as a straggling village of only some twenty houses.

The settlement of Clarksville extended up the river to the head of the Falls, where the city of Jeffersonville now stands, where Fort Finney was built which was afterwards known as Fort Stenben. It was located on Lower Front street at the intersection

of Fort street, as designated on the map of the city of Jeffersonville, on the site where stood the "governor's house," many years after, within the recollection of our older citizens of the present generation.

In those days emigration followed and hovered around the forts for military protection.

Col. John Armstrong, 1797, while commandant at Fort Finney, in order to more effectually protect the settlements in Kentucky, by preventing the Indians from crossing the Ohio river at Grassy Flats and Twenty-One Mile Island bar, where, at low stages of the water, the river can be forded, built a block house at the mouth of Bull Creek, now in Owen Township, in Clark county, which in honor of its founder was named "Armstrong's Station."

Around it a small settlement of emigrants was located. But when the station was abandoned, which it was in a short time, the settlement was also abandoned for the time. Col. Armstrong returned to his old location in 1814 at the station and continued to reside there until he died in 1816. In 1800, at the time the new government of the Indiana Territory went into effect, its entire civilized population was 5,641; of this population, 929 resided around the Ohio Falls, upon Clark's grant, but perhaps the larger portion in and around the old town of Clarksville.

While much of the population of the territory was composed of French

emigrants and their descendants, the only settlements made by pure Americans, were those made upon Clark's grant around and adjacent to the Ohio Falls, now included in Clark county.

It has already been stated that the location of the one hundred and forty-nine thousand acres of land granted to Gen. George Rogers Clark and his men covers a large portion of what now constitutes Clark county.

As the location and settlement of this grant of land have much to do with the early settlement of the county, the manner of its location and settlement may not be uninteresting to the reader.

These one hundred and forty-nine thousand acres of land were laid off in five hundred acre tracts, and apportioned to the officers and soldiers according to the terms of the grant, which were to be in this manner: to the Major General, 15,000 acres; to Brigadier Generals, 10,000 acres; to Colonels, 6,666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres; to Lieut. Cols., 6,000 acres; Majors, 5,666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres; to Captains, 4,000; to Lieutenants, 2,666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres; to non-commissioned officers, 400 acres; and to privates, 2,000; and were assigned to the officers and men by lottery.

It is a curious fact, or at least it seems so at the present time, that those whose lot fell them in the rich bottom lands in Utica township quite envied those by good fortune as they then considered it, fell in the knobs of Wood and Monroe townships.

Now these lands in Utica township are worth over \$100 per acre and those lying among the Knobs of Wood and Monroe township are rating at but \$3.00 or \$4.00 per acre. But a new industry is springing up to which these lands on the Knobs are peculiarly adapted; that of the peach culture which is in a few years destined to work a revolution in the comparative value of these bottom and uphilly lands.

It was intended that this grant should be surveyed and laid off in five hundred acre tracts, but such, from some cause, perhaps the greatest one of the causes, was the ignorance and inefficiency of the surveyors selected to make the survey and plat the ground.

But whatever the cause, quite a difference in the number of acres was found in the different numbers of the survey. They were found to vary from three hundred and seventy to seven hundred acres.

This made it necessary, in making the original deeds to the grantees to make them for five hundred acres, more or less.

It will be seen by reference to a map of Clark county that, unlike the regular United States survey of the public lands, the divisions are based upon lines running at right angles to the cardinal points of the compass, but the lines of the grant run northwest and southeast, and these lines are cut at right angles. Why these square five hundred acre tracts were made in this position is impossible to tell at this

time, unless it resulted from the fact that they aimed to make them in squares running perpendicular to the line of the Ohio river where the survey commenced.

How many of these old soldier grantees settled upon their lands and converted the wild wilderness into cultivated homes it is impossible now to tell, as the original settlers upon these lands have long since passed away, leaving behind them nothing by which to know their names. The probability is, however, as these old Indian fighters under Gen. Clark were men in middle life in 1777-8, that but few of them had held on to their land until Clark county was open for settlement and availed themselves of the opportunity, but had sold their lands long before that time.

After the allotment of these lands, Louisville was the seat of justice and the records of the sale and transfer of these lands was kept there.

Afterward, by an act of the Legislature of the State of Virginia the records were transferred to old Clarksville, and continued there until Clark county was organized, when these records were transferred to its county seat. These old records and the transfers made in the way of inheritance and sale were badly kept and much trouble and litigation grew out of that fact.

The first important question to be determined after the construction of the new county was the location of its county seat.

It is impossible at this late date to understand and appreciate all the motives and influences that operated, at that day, in the determination of this important question.

It would seem natural to us that, in consideration of the fact that Clarksville was the home of the conqueror of the Northwest, General George Rogers Clark, and at that time the largest and most important town in the county, that the county seat would have been located there.

But such was not the fact. From some cause, geographical considerations perhaps, convenience of access by a majority of its straggling population mostly on or near the Ohio river, determined the site of local government for the new county.

At any rate it was located at a small village, but then supposed to be a rising and prosperous place called Springville, situated about four miles back from the Ohio river and some mile and a half south-west of Charlestown, which subsequently became the county seat where it remained for over a half century.

This first county seat of Clark county has wholly disappeared.

Not a vestige of it remains to tell the curious where it once stood.

The site where it stood is now simply an open country. Charlestown, with its vigorous and robust growth absorbed it and it soon passed away.

But few of the present inhabitants of Clark know that any such town ever existed.

The history of this first county seat is brief.

Early in 1800 a settlement was made upon grant No. 115 and from some cause a town sprang up as the township began to be settled.

Near this village was a spring which furnished good water for domestic purposes, and it is probable from this fact the village took the name of Springville.

The place grew to some size, perhaps numbering in its most prosperous days one hundred inhabitants.

Close by a still house was in active operation, several stores or trading posts came into existence which necessarily made it a great rendezvous for Indians.

A short distance west of Springville lived Jonathan Jennings, the first Governor of the State of Indiana, who was also engaged in manufacturing whiskey.

He also had a mill which he operated in connection with his distillery and for the neighborhood accommodation.

But all this prosperity was soon blighted.

The title to the lands became involved in dispute.

Law suits sprung up, trials were had, enemies were made which ended only in the ruin and abandonment of the town.

All these transactions took place within eight years. This settlement had been founded, had grown to be the most important place in the cen-

tral part of the county, had been fostered by being made the seat of government for the county and died a natural death, all within eight years.

There was no public court house at this time, nor was there any ever built at this place as far as can be discovered. The only court house at this time was simply a large room in one of the business buildings of the place, and was eminently lacking in the elegance of our modern temples of justice. But as short-lived as it was, the county seat was removed from it some years before it finally expired, and was taken to the town of Jeffersonville.

But here on this site, where no habitation now stands, then the designated capital of the new county of Clark, assembled in solemn conclave on the 7th day of April, 1801, the first court of justice ever held in southern Indiana, east of Blue river, in and for the body of Clark county in the Territory of Indiana.

It was named the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace. It was composed, under the commission of Governor William Henry Harrison and the seal of Indiana Territory, of Justices Marston Green Clark, Abraham Huff, James Noble Wood, Thomas Downs, William Goodwin, John Gibson, Charles Tuley and William Harwood. These were all good and substantial men and stood prominent in the early history of the county.

It would afford an interesting chapter in the history of the pioneer settlements of southern Indiana to

trace the subsequent life of some of these men.

Samuel Gwathney, who had been appointed and commissioned the first clerk of the county, took his seat as clerk of this court.

He was also appointed clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and the clerk of the Orphans or Probate Court of the county.

Samuel Hay, the ancestor of the present sheriff of the county, Charles S. Hay, was appointed the first sheriff of the county.

The first and most important duty of this first session of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace was to divide the county into civil townships and put the county administration of government into active and effective operation.

Its first act was to divide the county into three civil townships, and to appoint peace officers, supervisors of roads, levy commissioners, overseers of the poor, etc. They divided the county into three townships which they designated as Clarksville, Springville and Springhill.

The first named township covered the territory now included in Floyd and Harrison counties; the second, that of Springville, included within its boundaries all of what now constitutes Clark county between Silver Creek on the west to Fourteen Mile creek on the east and to its northern limits, and Springhill all east of that.

In the development and growth of the county in wealth and population,

the necessity for frequent changes of the civil divisions of the county, from time to time for administrative purposes, have gone on until, at this time, not a single one of the names of these three original townships remains in the county.

Many and important changes in the divisions of the county into civil townships, to accommodate the people of the county in the management of their local interests, have been made since its original organization.

The county is now divided into twelve civil townships with which the people are satisfied.

Five of them, to-wit: Jeffersonville, Utica, Charlestown, Owen and Bethlehem townships, border upon the Ohio river.

Washington and Oregon are in the northeast, Monroe and Wood on the north and northwest; Carr and Silver Creek on the west, and Union in the center of the county. Jeffersonville township, including the city of Jeffersonville and its suburban towns, contains near one-half of all the population and wealth of the county.

The immediate surrounding counties have all been formed out of the original territory included in Clark county at the time of its formation. Floyd was organized in 1819, Washington in 1814, Scott in 1820 and Jefferson in 1810.

In the organization of Scott county in 1820, part of its territory was taken from Clark county, and this was the last act reducing it.

Nor is it probable that it will ever again be further reduced.

It now has an area of 367 square miles, somewhat below the number of square miles, that of four hundred, which the constitution of the State prohibits a county to be reduced.

It is not likely that an amendment of the fundamental law of the State will be made for that purpose, or that a majority of the citizens of the county, would, under any circumstances ever consent to it. The people of Clark county are proud of it as it stands and will hold it with an iron grasp complete in all its present proportions.

As before stated the county is now divided into twelve civil townships in such manner as supposed to be best adapted to the public convenience in voting at the annual elections, and the transaction of local township business and the maintenance of their public schools.

It must not be inferred that these local sub-divisions of the county have always existed as they are now found.

Many changes and reconstructions have been made in these divisions since the organization of the county.

As the population of the county increased, changes for their better accommodation in the transactions of their township business became necessary, and the old boundary lines were altered and sometimes new townships were created.

It is not thought to be of sufficient importance to the general reader to

enter into an elaborate and detailed history of these changes until the present time.

Some of the older townships have undergone many changes since they were originally constructed, and new townships carved out of them.

To give the history of all these changes would require considerable space, too much in a short sketch like this.

But a brief reference to the organization of the twelve townships into which the county now stands divided, is deemed necessary to complete the history of the county.

#### JEFFERSONVILLE TOWNSHIP.

This is now, in many respects, the most important township in the county.

It includes within its limits the city of Jeffersonville, the old town of Clarksville, the town of Fort Fulton and that of Claysburg.

Its wealth, as shown by the books in the county auditor's office and its population as shown by the census of 1880, make it nearly equal to that of all the remainder of the county. As now known, it was organized on the 10th February, 1817.

As then established, it included a much larger area of territory than now. Later in the same year, May 12th, however, the western boundaries of the township were changed by the formation of a new township west of Silver Creek which later on was made part of the new county of Floyd.

And two years still later, on the 12th of May, 1819, the boundary line between Jeffersonville and Charlestown townships was changed, making it begin at the mouth of Pleasant Run, then in a direct line to the upper corner of lot seventeen on the Ohio river, opposite the lower end of Diamond Island.

In 1831 when Utica township was established, the boundary line between the two became the permanent line between the two and remains so to this time.

#### UTICA TOWNSHIP.

This township, which lies joining to Jeffersonville township on its north-eastern boundary, was organized in 1831, and was taken principally from the territory of that and of Charlestown townships.

It took its name from the village of the same name, located on the banks of the Ohio river, about eight miles north of the city of Jeffersonville.

The township is bounded on the north by Charlestown township, on the east by the Ohio river, which washes from eight to ten miles of its territory, on the south and southwest by Jeffersonville township, and on the west by Jeffersonville and Silver Creek townships.

Upon an average it has the richest soil and is best adapted to agricultural pursuits of any township in the county.

During the early settlement of the county, on account of the lowlands



along the river, there was a good deal of sickness, and especially ague and fever.

But since the high state of cultivation to which these bottom lands have been subjected, that has all disappeared and Utica is as healthy as any township in the county.

From the fact of its rich soil it has become noted as a market garden locality, supplying Louisville and the cities around the Falls with a large quantity of garden products.

Indeed, agriculture, in all its varied departments, prospers in this rich township.

#### CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP.

The next township up the river adjoining Utica is that of Charlestown.

It was organized in 1817, but has undergone many changes in its boundaries since then.

Other townships were created around it as the convenience of the people required and it was made to contribute of its territory for that purpose until it was cut down to its present boundary.

From the time Clark county was organized until 1817, Charlestown, or the territory out of which Charlestown was formed, included the central and most promising portion of the grant. It was centrally located and afforded about equal facilities to the people of adjoining townships, in the transaction of their official business.

But as time increased the popula-

tion in other portions of the county, and distance was something of an item when it came to traveling some ten, twelve or fifteen miles to vote, changes were made to accommodate the public, in the organization of new townships out of the territory of the old ones.

In this way, Charlestown township was reduced in size by the organization of Owen on the north in 1830, that of Utica on the south in 1831, that of Oregon on the northeast in 1852, and Union in 1858, which was the last reduction made.

It is still a large and wealthy township, being second only in wealth and population to that of Jeffersonville township.

The general surface of the township is undulating. The soil is a limestone loam, mixed with sand and is generally productive.

While this is true in a general way, there is a good deal of thin land and it requires careful and intelligent management on the part of its owners to make it pay for the labor bestowed upon it. The farms are generally large and have the appearance of being the homes of thrift and culture.

The only town of any importance in the township is that of Charlestown.

In connection with the county seat controversies during the history of the county, Charlestown has already been brought into prominence.

As a town, historical reminiscences of pleasing interests cling around it,

and at times played a highly important part in the history of Clark county.

About the time of the death of the town of Springville, which had been boosted into undue importance by being made the first county seat of the new county, and died as suddenly by its removal a year afterward, a new town was laid off a few miles from where its predecessor had lived and died.

In 1808, the town of Charlestown was laid off in the woods.

Its god-fathers were Barzella Baker and a Mr. McCampbell, the father of Mr. Samuel McCampbell, the tanner known long afterwards, and the grandfather of James H. McCampbell, the banker, who recently died in the city of Jeffersonville.

Surveyors were set to work platting it into lots still covered with the tall forest trees.

Charles Beggs and John Hay were the surveyors.

Charles Beggs, who was afterward one of the men who took a prominent part in the free state convention, held at Springville October 10th, 1807, contributed his name, with which to christen the new-born town, and it was named Charlestown.

Additions were made to the original plat, from time to time, until there were three hundred and ninety-nine lots, or about two hundred and forty acres of ground included within the town incorporation.

After it became the county seat, in 1811, in the manner detailed in the history of Jeffersonville by an act of the Legislative Assembly, (and what influences brought that about ought not to be hard to guess, remembering who was the god-father of the new town, and who was in the Legislature at the time,) Charlestown had a boom and soon became a growing and prosperous town.

The prestige of being the county seat where law and justice were dispensed for the large and growing county of Clark, soon attracted to it professional men, merchants and mechanics of all trades.

Charlestown was noted from its start for the intelligence and high moral character of its citizens.

Some of the first and most distinguished men in the State resided there.

Here resided such distinguished lawyers as Judge Charles Dewey, who served as Judge of the Supreme Court; James Scott, a distinguished lawyer, a delegate to the convention that framed the State Constitution, and was afterwards one of the first Supreme Judges of the State; Jonathan Jennings, delegate in Congress, delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and its president, and afterward the first Governor of the State; Isaac Howk, the father of Judge George V. Howk, of the Supreme Court, himself a distinguished lawyer, member of the Legislature several times and Speaker of the House; Judge James Ross,

presiding Judge of that Judicial Circuit; Judge John H. Thompson, his successor in office; Benjamin Ferguson, a distinguished lawyer and an associate Judge, the father of Judge Charles P. Ferguson, the presiding Justice of the Fourth Judicial Circuit; and many more, all resided in Charlestown.

These and many more, alike distinguished in professional life, as doctors and ministers, professors and teachers, merchants and politicians have all passed away, but left their influence which they had stamped upon and gave character to Clark county as felt to-day.

The first thing to be done after being made the county seat was to build a court house, which was done by erecting a commodious brick building on the public square.

This building, about thirty years afterward, was superseded by a new and larger brick building, which still stands in the public square and is now used, instead of a temple of justice, as a temple dedicated to the education of the rising generation.

Charlestown is a town of some fifteen hundred inhabitants, one of the most healthy and pleasant places to live in, in the State. In its moral and religious aspects, and in its educational facilities, it is all that can be desired as a home.

Those who wish for a home where peace and quiet reigns supreme; where morality and religion abound,

let them go to Charlestown, and there they will find them.

#### OWEN TOWNSHIP.

The next township, bordering on the Ohio river above that of Charlestown, is that of Owen.

The exact date of its organization is a little uncertain.

The records of the county court do not show the exact time of the order creating this township, but from the best data that can be had, it must have been within a year or two of 1830, and is supposed to have been named for John Owen, who was a commissioner of the county from 1824 to 1830. It is bounded on the east by the Ohio river and Bethlehem township, on the north by Oregon township, on the west by Charlestown township, and on the south and south-east by the Ohio river.

It is, in point of wealth and population, one of the smallest townships in the county.

Its population, according to the census of 1880 was only about 800, and its total valuation of property is placed at \$300,000.

Part of the lands lying in Owen township belong to Clark's grant and part to the regular United States survey.

Sixteen of the five hundred acre tracts of the grant lie in Owen, cutting the township into halves and all the lands outside the grant are divided into sections of six hundred and forty acres each.

The area of the township is a little over fourteen thousand acres of land. As a rule the soil is not rich and productive, and it requires the most careful treatment to make it pay a reasonable dividend to the farmers for the labor and expense bestowed upon it.

While the people of the township are not rich and make no great pretensions to the elegancies of life, they stand in good repute and are esteemed as a community of good and worthy citizens.

#### BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP.

The village of Bethlehem antedates the organization of the township and gives it its name.

The town of Bethlehem was laid out in 1812, four years before the State was admitted into the Union.

Bethlehem township was organized in the spring of 1816; one of the four townships organized by the County Commissioners that year.

It lies wholly outside the grant lands and its land divisions belong to the regular United States Congressional surveys.

The township, as it now stands upon the map of the county, is bounded on the north by Jefferson county; on the east by the Ohio river; on the south and west by the Ohio river and Owen and Washington townships.

It is both in point of population and territory one of the smallest townships in Clark county; and yet in point of wealth according to the returns made for taxation purposes in 1886, at the

last land valuation, it exceeded Owen, Carr and Union.

Bethlehem township has some remarkable climatic features peculiar to itself.

It is said its climate is mild and equable.

Heavy dews are almost unknown in the summer and frosts in the winter, and even fogs are uncommon, and the people are unusually healthy.

The soil in Bethlehem township is of a diversified character, but as a general thing it is good, well adapted to the cultivation of the staple productions of the farm.

Along the margins of its streams, where the beech, the white oak, buckeye, poplar and black walnut grow in abundance, the soil is good and produces well and well repays the husbandman for his toil.

"These lands," says the geologist, "will ever remain productive, because they are continually being enriched by the disintegration of the rocks above."

The soil is a dark loam, partaking of the shade of the limestones.

It has but few streams running through it.

Little Creek, a branch of Camp Creek, heads in the extreme north line of the township and runs in a south-westerly direction and empties into Camp Creek, which continues in the same direction, forming, for a short distance, the boundary line between Bethlehem and Owen townships before emptying into the Ohio river.

The bottom lands along these little

streams and along the Ohio river make rich farms.

In the vicinity of the town of Bethlehem lies a bottom of more than a thousand acres of rich land divided up into rich and cultivated farms, with well improved buildings and fences.

This body of land is known as the "Bethlehem Bottom."

The village of Bethlehem is the only town in the township.

It was located on the Ohio river about thirty miles above Jeffersonville, in 1812.

It is a place of some local importance, noted as a steamboat landing place, and it ships to the markets above and below, the surplus productions of the surrounding farmers.

It is a pleasant village, with some two hundred and fifty inhabitants, with good church and school facilities.

But with the few exceptions found in and around the village of Bethlehem in the way of mechanics, merchants and professional men, the great body of the people of the township are engaged in farming, and, as a rule, the soil is well adapted to that pursuit.

The fruit industry is one of growing importance in various portions of Clark county and especially upon the Knobs and upon the Ohio Bluffs in Owen and Bethlehem townships.

These knobs and bluffs have been found, by experiments, well adapted to the cultivation of the peach, and now the peaches grown in Clark county have taken the highest place in the fruit markets of the country.

In connection with the cultivation and shipment of these delicious fruits, large canning and preserving works at Bethlehem have been established to care for and utilize the surplus product.

This year some 20,000 peach trees have been planted along the Ohio Bluffs above Bull Creek alone.

The early settlement of Bethlehem township was made by a brave and venturesome race. Settlements were made as early as 1805. The Gittners, the Kelleys, the Hamiltons, the Simingtons, the Abbotts, the Thislers, the Rodgers and Plaskets were the pioneers of Bethlehem Township and converted the wilderness into smiling homes and cultivated fields.

The pioneers of Bethlehem township seemed not to fear the Indians and cared not to provide themselves by artificial protection against danger from that source, or they felt themselves able, open handed, to protect and defend themselves against savage aggression.

At one time, however, they did resort to a preparation for defence.

After the Pigeon Roost massacre they built a stockade on the high land overlooking the Ohio on the farm owned by Robert Simington.

But they soon got over their scare and had no use for their stockade.

#### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

This township, which was organized in 1816, lies in the extreme northeast part of the county.

It has been subjected to several changes since its original construction, until it assumed its present proportions and boundaries.

As it now stands it is bounded on the north by Jefferson and Scott counties; on the east by Bethlehem township and Jefferson county; on the south by Owen township and on the west by Oregon township.

It covers an area of 22,690 acres of land, and its total valuation of lands in 1846 was \$332,410.

The topography of Washington township presents no new features to the general character of the land in that part of the county.

The surface is slightly broken along the streams.

Along the higher grounds, on the ridges from which the head waters of the creeks flow, the land is level, even sometimes to wetness.

In the vicinity of the village of New Washington, the drainage of the country is excellent and the productiveness of the soil increased accordingly. The land in this locality is well adapted to the cultivation of wheat and even excellent crops of corn are raised. While there are no very rich men residing here, there are a number of well to do farmers scattered over the township, where refinement is found and elegant hospitality is dispensed.

New Washington is a prosperous village of some 400 inhabitants, situated in this township, where they have good schools and church services

for the education and religious training of their children.

#### OREGON TOWNSHIP.

Oregon township, up to 1852, was a part of Charlestown township.

But in that year on the petition of the inhabitants of the northern portion of that township, setting forth the hardship and inconvenience of those living at that extreme end of the township in having to come so far to vote and attend to their township business, presented to the board of county commissioners, praying for the organization of a new township out of that portion of Charlestown township.

Their request was granted and a new township was organized and named Oregon.

Exactly why it was given the name of Oregon is not apparent from any known facts, unless perhaps, about that time Oregon Territory filled a large space in the political history of the country, and those who had the christening of the new-born township had fallen in love with our far northern possession and named the township accordingly.

Oregon is wholly in the Illinois grant and is composed entirely of five hundred acre tracts, or what was so intended, by the surveyors that laid off these old soldiers' lands.

It is five tracts wide and ten long, with the exception of three or four fractional or parts of tracts lying in

Scott county, making the township contain about 18,500 acres of land.

It is bounded on the north by Scott county; on the east by Washington township; on the south by Charlestown and Owen townships, and on the west by Charlestown and Monroe townships.

But little can be said in favor of the soil in this township.

The lands are light, putty colored clay, wet during a great portion of the year and invariably cold and soggy.

The surface of the greater portion of the township is level, and no part of it is so badly broken as to render it unfit for cultivation.

Parts of the land are well adapted to clover, and elegant fruits are grown upon that part which lies nearest to the river.

Even in many parts of the township the soil is adapted to blue grass.

The only stream of any importance is that of Fourteen Mile Creek which, in a crooked manner meanders through the township from north to south and empties into the Ohio at the division line between Charlestown and Owen townships, fourteen miles from Louisville, which gives it its name.

Nothing need be said about the character of its inhabitants, further than they are a hardy industrious community, and in religious and educational matters are not behind their neighbors. The total valuation of all taxables of the township for 1886 was \$240,783.

#### MONROE TOWNSHIP.

This is the second largest township in the county. It contains over thirty-five thousand acres of land and is situated in the extreme north part of the county.

It is bounded on the north by Scott county; on the east by Oregon township; on the south by Charlestown and Union townships; and on the west by Scott county and Wood township.

It has not always been included in its present boundaries, nor even has it been known as Monroe township.

It has undergone many changes.

It would be of but little interest to the general reader to follow all the changes that were made in reconstructing this township.

It was first known as Collins township and its present name was given it about the year 1826, as it is referred to in an order appointing fence viewers for Monroe township under date of January 1st, 1827. The west line, between it and Wood township, was established as early as 1816, but not under the name of Monroe.

As Monroe is a very large township, being about twelve miles long from east to west and six miles broad from north to south, it has a greatly diversified soil in point of fertility and of local value.

It reaches from the low bottom lands to the highest knobs in the county.

As we travel north on the J. M. & I. R. R. we find up grade until we reach the northern limits of the coun-

ty, and here we come to the summit, the highest ground in the county.

The knobs seem to terminate here and spread out in a sort of table land.

On the east, the land is hilly and but poorly fit for anything but grazing.

Around Henryville, the most important village in the township, of about 400 inhabitants, situated on the J. M. & I. railroad nineteen miles from Jeffersonville the ground is rolling, but presents a pleasing view to the passenger.

To the west the knobs rise to great height, and render the landscape magnificent and picturesque.

These knobs range west and southwest through Monroe and Wood townships into Floyd county until they terminate at the Ohio river a short distance below the city of New Albany.

It was thought, at one time, that these knobs were of but little use but for their timber.

But they have been found well adapted to peach culture and the knob lands are being extensively utilized for that purpose, and will no doubt in time all be used for this purpose.

Although scattering settlements were made in this township as early as 1806, the soil of a large portion of it being undesirable for agricultural purposes, its settlement was very slow.

Much of that portion of the county lying in the northwest part, now in Monroe township, was hardly known to the people along the Ohio river and

in the older and more central portions of the county.

The northern boundary of Clark county was uncertain.

Scott county, which was largely taken from Clark county, was not organized until 1820, which left the north and northwest boundary of Monroe township in doubt and uncertainty.

Even after the organization of Scott county it was thought that the scene of that noted event in the history of Indiana, the Pigeon Roost massacre, took place in a Clark county neighborhood.

But when the county line was settled by actual survey, the neighborhood where the massacre took place was found to be in Scott county.

The history of that massacre is most horrible in detail.

Men, women and children, who had no thought of danger, were cut down, and their bodies were thrown into their cabins and burned with them.

This occurred on the 3rd of September, 1812, the year after the battle of Tippecanoe.

The place where it occurred is known as the Pigeon Roost neighborhood, which derives its name from the fact that the wild pigeons had made it a roosting place for years.

From the best information that can be obtained of the events of that massacre the whole number that were killed were twenty-one; three men four women and fourteen children.

"The first victims of this tragic af-



fair were a Mr. Paine and a Mr. Coffman. These two persons were about three miles from the settlement and wholly unarmed.

The Indians came upon them wholly by accident and murdered them upon the spot.

Coffman lived in Kentucky and was on a visit to Paine.

They next found a Mrs. Collins, the wife of young Henry Collins, who had been visiting a neighbor living near the present site of Vienna.

She was killed while returning home.

The family which they fell upon next was that of Mr. Paine, whom they had already killed. It appears that they killed them in different directions from the house and then dragged their bodies, trailing the ground with their blood, and threw them into the house, which, after plundering, they set fire to and burned it to ashes.

Nothing remained of the bodies but a mass of offensive matter.

This attack was made in the evening, the sun being only about an hour and a half high.

Richard Collins' family consisted of his wife and seven children, who were all brutally murdered.

Their bodies were found in different places as they were cut down while attempting to make their escape.

Mr. Collins was absent from home at the time.

He belonged to a company of rangers and was then at Vincennes.

At the same time they killed the family of John Morris, composed of his wife and three children.

These two families lived but a short distance apart. Mr. Morris was also from his home.

He had been drafted on the call of Governor Harrison for service on the Wabash and was at that time at Jeffersonville.

This horrid butchery of men, women and innocent children fell like a thunder-bolt from a clear sky. It threw the whole country into such a feverish state of excitement, that for many years afterward the least sign of Indians would cause a general panic and no doubt greatly retarded the early settlement of this part of the county.

#### UNION TOWNSHIP.

This is the youngest, the last born of all the sister townships of the county.

The same reason that operated upon the public in the organization of the previously constructed township, operated in this; public convenience demanded it. It was organized in 1858 and was taken from Monroe, Charlestown and Carr townships.

It occupies the central portion of the county and has an area of some thirteen thousand acres. It is bounded on the north mainly by Monroe township; on the east by Charlestown township; on the south by Charles-

town and Carr townships and on the west by Charlestown and Carr townships.

It takes its name from the fact that it was made up of fragments taken from the three surrounding townships, Monroe, Charlestown and Carr, and united into one.

Silver Creek is its principal stream, flowing entirely through it from north to south, with its branches, Blue Lick, Caney Fork and Cane Run, of which Blue Lick is the largest.

It runs through the northern part of Union township and takes its name from the blue slate which forms its bed.

Caney Fork and Cane Run take their names from the canebrakes that once grew along their streams.

In this township lies the great Silver Creek valley, which in early times was so celebrated as hunting ground of Indians, because of the fact of the shelter which its undergrowth afforded the wild game of that day as a hiding place, and there it was hunted for by the savage hunters.

This Silver Creek valley was called by the settlers the Pea Vine Valley, because of the fact that pea vines literally covered the face of the earth and afforded excellent pasture for their cattle.

But with the advance of civilization and the attendant cultivation of the soil, the cane and the pea vine, with the Red Men of the forest and the wild game, have all disappeared.

South of Memphis, the principal vil-

lage in Union township, the country is mostly level, but the soil is heavy and not of easy cultivation.

For some reason even the bottom lands are not productive and require a great deal of care and nursing to make them yield paying crops.

In the hilly portion of the township, lying east of Silver Creek, the soil is of the poorest quality.

But a small portion of the township may be said to be at all productive, where hay, oats, wheat, corn, rye and potatoes can be raised to advantage.

West of Memphis, along the Blue Lick branch, the soil is adapted to grass; considerable attention is given to stock raising and large dairies are in active operation.

One characteristic of Union township which gives it a strong recommendation is the purity and abundance of water.

There is hardly a farm of any size in the township, upon which there is not a stream of running water sufficient for stock at all seasons of the year.

Mineral water is found in abundance in the northwest portion of the township.

Memphis, the principal village in the township, is located on the J. M. & I. railroad, fifteen miles from Jeffersonville; has a population of about 500 inhabitants.

Flour, lumber and staves are its principal shipments.

#### WOOD TOWNSHIP.

Wood is one of the oldest townships in the county.

It was organized as early as 1807 at the time of its first settlement.

It is located in the extreme north-west part of the county.

In fact it is almost entirely isolated from the rest of the county, only connected with it on the east end of the parallelogram, being bounded on two sides, the north and west, by Washington county; on the south by Floyd county, and on the west by Carr and Monroe townships.

Although it was organized as early as 1807 it was not organized by complete metes and bounds until 1816.

But many changes have been made in its boundary lines since then until its present bounds were established.

The counties of Floyd and Scott have both been organized since then; taken partly from Clark county, and the boundary lines between those two counties and that of Clark fixed the lines on three sides of Wood township and when Carr township was organized in 1854, which was struck off almost entirely from the eastern side of Wood, the eastern line of Wood was established.

It took its name from an early settler by the name of George Wood, who, from the best information attainable at this time, settled on the Muddy Fork of Silver Creek as early as 1807.

He was a native of South Carolina, and emigrated north in 1802 and first located in Charlestown township, but as said before, removed to Muddy Fork and located there in 1807.

The soil in this township is quite diversified, made up of all kinds of hills and valleys, poor hills and knobs, and fertile bottoms.

The valley lying at the foot of the knobs, which were called "Silver Hills" by the early settlers is about eight miles long and from one to two miles wide.

Down this valley winds the Muddy Fork of Silver Creek, the shiftings of which have created a rich surface loam, enriched by the decaying leaves and other vegetable matter from the adjacent hillsides and a deep subsoil of gravel.

This soil is well suited to the growth of all the staple farm products and fruits of all kinds. Strawberries grow to great perfection here and their culture has become quite an industry.

Thousands of gallons are raised and shipped to distant markets every year.

The Muddy Fork of Silver Creek and its tributaries, Dry Fork, Giles Branch, Morris Branch, and Kelly's Branch, is the principal stream in the township.

Why the knobs were called "Silver Hills," or the stream which winds down its bottoms was called Silver Creek, will never be satisfactorily explained.

Another of the unaccountable things connected with the early naming of things in this settlement, as remarked by one of its oldest settlers, is "why this fork of Silver Creek, of all others, should have been designated as mud-

dy' when in fact its waters are clear and silvery and no stream can boast of purer and more sparkling waters."

New Providence, the only village in the township, is situated on the line of the L. N. A. & C. railway, in the valley of Muddy Fork, midway between the knobs. It has a population of about 400, and is a growing and prosperous place.

The white sand used by the Depauw Works at New Albany for the manufacture of glass, is procured a short distance from here and shipped to that city.

Large quantities of tan bark, leather, tobacco and other farm produce are also shipped.

And in season the shipping of strawberries is quite a business, giving in their picking and preparation, employment for numbers of women and girls.

The Borden Institute, a school intended for the education of school teachers has been founded here by Prof. William W. Borden. It promises to be of inestimable benefit to the cause of education in the State.

#### CARR TOWNSHIP.

This township lies on the western border of the county.

It was organized in 1854, being taken in a great part from the eastern portion of Wood township.

While it has an area over the average of the other townships, having over seventeen thousand acres, it is small in population and in wealth.

The total valuation of all property for taxation purposes in 1886 was only \$105,178, and its total vote cast at the presidential election in 1888 was 210 votes.

The township is bounded on the north by Wood, Monroe and Union townships; on the east by Union and Silver Creek townships; on the south by Floyd county; and on the west by Wood township.

Some of the boundary lines of this township are very irregular, running zigzag with dividing tracts of land and with the meanderings of Muddy Fork of Silver Creek, which forms part of its boundary. Carr township has a large proportion of knobs within its lines. In the southwest corner it has a large tract, at least four thousand acres, and in the northeastern corner it has nearly as large an area of knobs.

Out of its seventeen thousand acres, more than one-third are knobs, and almost worthless, which can account satisfactorily for its sparse population and its poverty.

It is claimed that iron ore of a good quality is found in certain localities in this township. What may be its future possibilities is for the future to develop; but up to this time its deposit of iron ore has not been utilized in the manufacture of iron.

The Muddy Fork of Silver Creek, which we found meandering its crooked way between the knobs in Wood township, we find entering Carr township on the west and passing

through it in nearly an easterly direction, cutting the township nearly into two halves.

From a half mile to three-quarters of a mile wide on both sides of the creek are bottom lands, but not as would naturally be supposed, very productive as farm land.

Whatever it may have been when first opened to cultivation three-quarters of a century ago, it has become exhausted and its vigorous fertility impaired.

But it won't do to say that farming is a failure in Carr township, for such would not be true, for there are many prosperous and well-to-do farmers in that township.

There are a number of mineral springs in portions of Carr township, whose waters are said to be, in certain diseases, of great medicinal value.

The time may come when they will be utilized as sources of health more than they are now.

The first great necessity in the way of manufactures in these new settlements was a grist mill to grind their corn and wheat to give them bread, and mills sprang up as soon as settlements were made.

Close upon the heels of grist mills came still houses for the manufacture of whiskey, not as a food necessity but as a necessity to convert their surplus corn into an article they could easily convert into money.

Muddy Fork afforded excellent water power for mills, and the emigrants availed themselves of it. Where

ever a mill was built a still house was apt to be found close by.

The very best men of that day thought it an honorable, legitimate business, and saint and sinner alike used it, as all then supposed, for the benefit of their health.

In the early settlement of this county it was thought absolutely necessary, in order to preserve their health, that every member of the family should take a dram of whiskey before breakfast.

And the bottle of whiskey ever stood upon the sideboard of all, with an open invitation to all comers to take a drink.

Whiskey was a necessity at a log rolling, a house raising, and in the harvest field.

It was thought impossible in those days that any man could work in the harvest field without the use of whiskey.

What a change in public sentiment since that day, and none more so than upon the question of the use of intoxicants as a preservative of health.

Carr township had its full share of mills and still houses at its early settlement.

But distilleries in Clark county, as well as in Carr township, are things of the past.

There is not a single distillery now in Clark county.

The educational affairs of Carr township have been well managed and its schools are up to the highest standard in the county.

The township is divided into six school districts for the convenience of the school children.

There is nothing of any special importance connected with Carr township to give it historical importance.

Like the other portions of the county it has gradually advanced in wealth and population; nothing phenomenal or out of the usual path of progress.

One of its earliest settlers attained sufficient public importance to give the township historical fame.

General John Carr, after whom the township was named, was one of the oldest pioneers in the township, having settled there with his father in 1806. He served his country in its military defence against the Indians at the age of eighteen.

In the fall of 1811 he joined, under Capt Biggs, the Tippecanoe expedition and was on Nov. 7th in that bloody fight with the Indians.

He served all through the war of 1812 and was in several important engagements.

Through all that war he proved himself to be a brave soldier and an able and efficient officer.

After the close of the war he was honored by his fellow-citizens of Clark county, in choosing him to fill several civil offices of trust and profit.

He was elected to the office of county recorder for several terms; the office of clerk of the Clark Circuit Court two terms; he was a Jackson elector in 1824; he was one of the agents appointed to lay off the town

of Indianapolis, and finally, in August, 1831, he was elected a member of Congress and served in that high and honorable capacity, in all, eight years.

His Congressional career was noted for industry, efficiency and usefulness.

He died on the 20th of January, 1845.

Of him it could be truly said that he was one of the noblest works of God, a truly honest man.

The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago railway runs in a northwesterly direction going north through Carr township.

It enters the township at the southeast corner, follows up the Muddy Fork valley and passes through the center of the township, nearly seven miles in it.

#### SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP.

From some cause or other, the records of the county do not give the exact date of the organization of Silver Creek township.

It was in existence as early as 1815, because at that date, the records of the county commissioner's court show that a petition of the citizens of Silver Creek township was presented, asking for the construction of a public road leading from the town of New Albany to Charlestown.

But the Silver Creek township of today is nothing like the one of that early day.

It originally embraced a greater portion of the western part of the county.

It seems to have come into existence upon the dissolution of the organizations of Springville and Clarksville townships.

These ancient townships were dropped from the records and others formed out of their original territory and they passed out of existence.

It takes its name, no doubt, from Silver Creek, the largest stream in Clark county.

How it came by its name is a matter of speculation.

It will, no doubt, be remembered that, in the history of Wood township, reference was made to the tall cone-shaped knobs, at whose base the flourishing little town of New Providence is situated, known by the early settlers as "Silver Hills." The creek which runs along their base is the Muddy Fork of Silver Creek. The question for the historian to settle is, did the hills give name to the creek or *vice versa*?

Silver Creek township has been subjected to the same influences in changing, curtailing and modifying its boundaries; that of the law of convenience and necessity of its inhabitants.

As early as 1803, in order to enable the people to attend their spring elections at the time of the spring rise in Silver Creek, it was made the boundary line between two townships, and all the territory that lay west of the creek was attached to Clarksville township, now known as Floyd county.

Silver Creek township, as it now

exists on the map of the county, is bounded on the north by Carr and Charlestown townships; on the east by Jeffersonville, Utica and Charlestown townships; on the south by Jeffersonville township and Floyd county; on the west by Carr township and Floyd county.

Silver Creek, like a silver cord, seems to wind around the township from its northeastern point to its southwestern.

It is the smallest township in the county, containing only 9,789 acres or a little over fifteen square miles.

Although it stands twelfth and last in size, it stands sixth in valuation of property assessed in 1886.

Silver Creek township was noted in its early settlement for its immense growth of timber.

Its first settlers described its timber as marvelous.

The low bottom lands, as also the higher uplands were literally covered with oak, poplar, hickory and beech trees of immense growth.

These forest trees furnished great sources of income to the early settlers, and gave employment to many hands and to the farmers during the winter season in cutting and hauling it to market.

This timber was used for building, purposes in the cities of the Falls, and the finest of it for steamboat building, which was carried on there at that day to a large extent.

One peculiarity about these timber lands was there was little if any un-

dergrowth, but instead of an undergrowth of timber, these lands were completely covered with a rich growth of pea-vines, which was for the feeding of stock equal to the best clover fields.

This nutritious vine was all that stock needed while it lasted.

But by constant pasturage, in a few years the pea-vines were destroyed.

Another peculiarity to the soil of that day was the indigenous growth of cane.

From the most reliable accounts, at an early day the whole face of the country, from the Ohio river to the foot of the knobs, was covered with a thick growth of cane from fifteen to twenty feet high and grew so thick upon the ground that it was almost impenetrable.

These canebrakes, with the wild game they sheltered and protected from the huntsman, have passed away before the advance of civilization.

Where these heavy timbers, these pea-vines, these cane-brakes grew in the long ago, now are rich harvest fields, smiling orchards and the elegant homes of a rich and prosperous people.

A great portion of all the lands in Silver Creek township are level.

There are no hills of any importance in it.

The knobs do not enter the township.

It is too small to have much diversified soil or climate.

The bottom lands of Silver Creek

are not noted for their richness of soil and their productive qualities.

As a general thing the soil is not rich. It is made up of a kind of cold loam, fertilized by washings down from the knobs.

In the valley of Silver Creek fine crops of corn are raised. While fruit culture in other portions of the county has become a specialty, in Silver Creek township it is a failure.

The soil is unadapted to it and what does grow is of poor quality.

There are a number of fine farms in Silver Creek township and a few farmers are said to be rich; made their wealth off their farms.

Upon an average it can be truly said that the people in the township of Silver Creek are well-to-do, contented and happy.

There is not much that is peculiar or striking in the early history of the settlement of this township to distinguish it from that of the rest of the county.

The first settlement made of which there is any authentic record was made in the latter part of the year 1799, by Elder Absalom Littell, of the Baptist church, on the west side of Silver Creek.

But in 1798, twelve months prior to the emigration of Elder Littell, a Protestant church had been organized, the first in the State, and a house of worship erected on the east bank of Silver Creek, near the Littell farm.

It would be interesting to follow the history of this pioneer church



through all its changes down to the present time.

But space forbids.

Spencer Collins, a branch of the Collins family that had settled early in Monroe township, settled on the Muddy Fork of Silver Creek and built a mill as early as 1800 near where the village of Petersburg now stands.

The facilities afforded as a motive power by Silver Creek and its Muddy Fork, invited to the early construction of mills upon them and the "Old Redmond Mill," about the center of the township, and the old Montgomery mill about three-fourths of a mile above Petersburg, on Elk Run, were all built at an early day. The Welles settled on Camp Run as early as 1800.

The manufacture of corn whiskey was an important industry at an early day, and many of the very best citizens of the township operated still houses.

It was not only profitable to the manufacturer and afforded the neighboring farmers a good market for their surplus corn, but was held as honorable as any calling.

How things change; or rather in what a different light the same thing is looked upon in this age, and three-quarters of a century ago.

Hamburg is the oldest village in the township. It is located at the terminus of the Jeffersonville and Hamburg turnpike road, and on the line of the old Jeffersonville and Salem road,

about eight miles north of Jeffersonville.

It was laid off by its proprietors, Abram Littell and Thos. Cunningham, in 1837.

It never did amount to much of a place.

There is but very little business done in the place, and it is now severely stricken with universal decay.

It is only a question of time, and a short time at that, when it will finally disappear from the list of towns on the map of the county.

Petersburg, another little village of Silver Creek township, was laid out about 1854, by Lewis Bottorff.

It was named in honor of Peter McKosky, a Russian, who lived near by on Muddy Fork.

There are, perhaps, some seventy-five or a hundred inhabitants in the place, pretty much all engaged directly or indirectly, in working for the Louisville Cement Company, whose mills are located there.

It derives all its support from these mills.

The health of the place is good.

Work can always be found at good wages, and none need to suffer for want, unless too lazy to work.

SELLERSBURG is the largest and most prosperous village in the township.

It is a real alive, go-ahead village.

It has grown more within the last year or so than any other town in the county.

It is located on the J. M. & I. rail-

road, about nine miles north of Jeffersonville.

It was laid out in 1846 by Moses W. Sellers, after whom it took its name, and John Hill.

It has a large flouring mill which is doing a big business.

It has extensive cooper shops for supplying barrels for the cement manufactures in the neighborhood, which give employment to a large number of laborers and mechanics.

It is up with the times in churches and schools and has an industrious and prosperous population and has every indication of becoming a place of considerable commercial and manufacturing importance at no distant day.

The hydraulic cement business is already one of great importance, and there is no limit to the extent to which it may be carried, because there is no limit to the hydraulic limestone out of which it is manufactured in the neighborhood of Sellersburg.

One would naturally suppose that the ordinance of 1787, forever forbidding the existence of slavery or involuntary servitude in the North west Territory, would have settled that question at once and forever in that territory.

But such was not the fact.

The question of the introduction of slavery into the Indiana Territory was, from the time of its organization, earnestly favored by a strong party and urged with bitter vehemence, and caused strong opposition by those who had emigrated from the slave States

for the purpose of getting away from that institution.

Memorials were voted by the Territorial Council to Congress, praying for the repeal of the sixth article of the ordinance prohibiting slavery, mainly supported by the representatives from Illinois and Knox counties.

In 1805 a petition was before the Territorial Legislative Council asking Congress to permit the introduction of slavery into the Territory, purely upon benevolent grounds, in thus relieving the South of its surplus and consequently over burdened and misused slaves, and permitting them to come where they would receive more humane treatment and have better homes.

But the petition was not passed, and in this instance, as in every effort of the kind, the representatives of Clark county voted against the proposition to introduce slavery.

The terms of the representatives to the first Territorial Assembly being about to expire by limitation, an election for representatives for the second General Assembly was ordered and held on the first Monday in February, 1807.

At this election James Beggs was elected in place of Davis Floyd who had represented the county in the previous Assembly.

Mr. Floyd at this time was under a cloud.

He was a Virginian and had served under George Rogers Clark.

He had settled in Clark's grant; was the first Recorder of Clark county

in 1801 and was appointed Sheriff in 1802.

At the time of the election for representatives in 1807 he had become implicated in Aaron Burr's conspiracy and was convicted and sentenced to three hours' imprisonment in the county jail.

James Beggs was a Virginian and a son of Thomas Beggs, a commissary in the Revolutionary Army.

He came to Indiana territory about the beginning of the present century, bought himself a five hundred acre tract in Clark's grant in Clark county and went to farming.

He was a graduate of William and Mary's College, and was a man of learning and research.

He was a strong anti-slavery man and he and his two brothers were, during this slavery controversy, the head and front of the anti-slavery party in Clark county.

At this session of the Legislature, which met in August, 1807, the pro-slavery advocates seemed to have complete control of things. Both houses adopted memorials to Congress asking for the suspension of the sixth article of the ordinance by two-third majorities.

This alarmed the Free Soil party of impending danger and the people of Clark county became aroused.

A mass convention was called for October 10th of that year, at Springville, the former county seat, to take action and denounce the Legislative resolutions.

A large number attended.

John Beggs, a brother of the representative, was made president and our old friend, Davis Floyd, acted as secretary.

Great harmony of action prevailed, and a strong memorial to Congress was unanimously adopted, protesting against the action of the Legislative Assembly.

And right here comes in a historical fact worthy to be remembered.

It is generally understood that General Cass, in his celebrated letter, originated the idea of "popular sovereignty," sometimes designated as "squatter sovereignty."

This position was taken for the settlement of the slavery question, in this State, in the Springville memorial, some forty years before the Cass letter was written.

Our Springville memorialists say, after stating the fact, that at best it was doubtful how the people of the territory then stood upon the slavery question: "We feel satisfied that, at all events, Congress will suspend any legislative act on this subject, until we shall, by the Constitution, be admitted into the Union, and have a right to adopt such a constitution, in this respect, as may comport with the wishes of a majority of the citizens."

Notwithstanding Davis Floyd had been retired from politics for a season in consequence of his complicity in Burr's conspiracy, he was elected clerk of the House of Representatives for the session of 1807.

This caused a terrible hubbub among his pro-slavery enemies and they denounced him as a conspirator and asked for his dismissal as clerk.

The House paid no attention to these demands, and on July 6, 1808, Governor Harrison revoked Davis Floyd's commission as major of the Clark county militia, and as a Falls pilot.

So the slave party got their revenge.

But little transpired at the next or third Legislative Assembly to change the relative position between the two contending parties upon the slavery question.

The representatives from Clark county maintained the position of that county as hostile to that institution, and voted against it every time the question came up.

John Paul and Thos. Downs represented Clark county in the Assembly which met November 12th, 1810.

James Beggs was the councilor from Clark in that Assembly, and was chosen its president.

But the pro-slavery party received a hard blow about this time, in the election of Jonathan Jennings as delegate in Congress from the Indiana Territory, over Thomas Randolph, a Virginian and a strong pro-slavery man.

It made a few spasmodic efforts of revival after that, but its prestige was gone, and the question was about settled.

The repeals of the indenture law of 1807 and the enactment of a law to

prevent kidnapping and the unlawful removing of negroes from the territory under severe penalties, put the finishing stroke to Indiana slavery.

The vote in the Legislative Council, upon the last named act was a tie, and was decided by the casting vote of its president, who was James Beggs of Clark county.

That was a proud feather in old Clark's cap.

It is a matter of pride and congratulation to the people of Clark county, of the present day, that, in all that slavery controversy, and sometimes bitter as it was between Jennings and Randolph, Clark county never wavered in her position against slavery.

Her representatives stood firm against all attempts in that direction.

Two men of Clark county, James Beggs and Jonathan Jennings, the one as president of the Legislative Council, in giving his casting vote for the repeal of the obnoxious indenture law; and the other as an anti-slavery candidate for delegate in Congress in which he defeated Thomas Randolph, a very able and strong pro-slavery man, did more than any other two men to make Indiana a free State.

These two events, following fast upon the heels of each other, about destroyed the prestige of the slavery party, and rendered it harmless for the future.

Some effort was made in the Constitutional Convention to engraft within it a provision to preserve pre-exist-

ing rights in slave property, but nothing further.

Clark county was represented in that convention by Jonathan Jennings, who was made its president and afterwards the first governor of the new State; James Scott, who was afterwards made one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, Thomas Carr, John K. Graham and James Lemmon.

The convention convened at the old capitol at Corydon, Harrison county, June 10th, 1816, and at the end of nineteen days' labor, having completed their work, adjourned.

Thus a constitution for our State was made, in which Clark county had much to do, forever forbidding within its borders slavery.

It was full and complete within itself, just as it came from the hands of the convention.

It was not to be submitted to a vote of the people for approval; it was to stand as the convention had made it.

#### CITY OF JEFFERSONVILLE.

The history of Clark county would be incomplete without including within it the history of Jeffersonville.

It is the commercial center of Clark county as well as its center of population.

Clark county is a grand old county with its reminiscences of Indian conflict and Jeffersonville crowns it in its completeness.

The city of Jeffersonville is located

on the north bank of the Ohio river at the head of the Falls, in the very gap through which the great stream of commerce between the North and South continuously flows. It is handsomely laid out with broad streets, crossing each other at right angles. Since its foundation which was laid in 1802, it has had a varied history.

The present plan of Jeffersonville is nothing like the original, which was novel, not to say, eccentric.

It is stated as a historical fact that the plan upon which it was originally laid out was devised by President Thomas Jefferson, from whom the place took its name.

It was designed in squares or blocks, like a checker board; each alternate square was public ground, the streets passing diagonally through these public squares and crossing each other in the center.

For a city whose inhabitants were wealthy and had no need, wish or desire for trade or business, this plan might suit, but not so to the kind of people who settled in Jeffersonville.

They wanted streets for business and not for elegant leisure.

The original plan did not long survive.

It was remodeled; the plan was reconstructed by authority of a legislative act in 1817, and the owners of lots were assigned other lots in the place of those that were held under the original plat as near identical as possible.

The old city as first laid out oc

cupied but a small part of what it now covers.

The ground upon which it stands was owned by Isaac Bowman, a Virginian, and was tract number one of the Clark Grant.

He sold one hundred and fifty acres of his five hundred acre tract, on the lower part adjoining the thousand acre tract granted to Clarksville, and on the 23d day of June 1802, made a deed to Marston Green Clark, William Goodwin, Richard Pile, Davis Floyd and Samuel Gwathmey, as trustees to lay off a town and sell lots, and apply the moneys realized by such sales to establishing ferries and in improving the facilities of the new town generally.

Marston G. Clark, said to have been a distant relative of General George Rogers Clark, was a Virginian, and was one of the first judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clark county.

He removed to a farm on the waters of Blue river in the southern part of Washington county and resided there at the time the State was admitted into the Union.

He afterward removed to Salem and kept a tavern.

He represented Washington county in the State Legislature several times, and was appointed Indian Agent under General Jackson's administration, and died on his farm a mile from Salem toward the end of the thirties.

The reader is familiar with the history of the other members of this commission.

Several additions have been made to the town of Jeffersonville since its original construction.

Without entering into details, the whole of Grant tract number one, containing five hundred and forty acres, and sixty-one acres out of number two are now included within the limits of the city of Jeffersonville.

These additions were respectively made in 1836, 1839, 1841 and 1848.

As has already been stated, the county seat was originally located at a village, now defunct, known then as Springville.

It remained there but a short time, when in 1802, it was removed from that village to Jeffersonville, and on August 14, 1802, a special session of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace was held in Jeffersonville.

The most important business transacted at that session of the Court was the letting of a contract to William Goodwin to build a county jail.

At its session January 5, 1803, a contract was awarded to William Akins to build a jailer's residence adjoining the jail on the north.

Jeffersonville remained the county seat of Clark county until 1811, when, by an act of the Legislature it was removed to the town of Charlestown, then a village in the woods, where it remained, not always undisturbed in its security however, until 1878.

Jeffersonville never was satisfied with the manner in which it was covertly, as it was claimed, taken away from it.

There had been no question or controversy upon the county seat question in the election of representatives and they acted wholly upon their own personal feelings and wishes in the matter.

The people of Jeffersonville abided their time to take back the county seat and get their revenge at the same time.

In 1838 the county seat removal question was raised, and both sides to the question prepared for a pitched battle.

A senator and two representatives to the Legislature were to be elected.

The candidates were chosen on that issue.

The anti-removal candidates put in nomination were for senator, Benjamin Ferguson, and for the lower house, Col. John S. Simonson and Thomas J. Henly.

Those in favor of removal put forward were, for senator, William G. Armstrong; for representatives, Dr. Nathaniel Field and Major Henry Hurst.

This was a noted contest in the political history of Clark county.

They were all men of ability and of great personal popularity.

The canvass was hot and the contest, as it always is on questions of county seat removals, was bitter.

The removalists, the Jeffersonville party, elected their candidates.

But the victory was barren of fruits; the Legislature refusing to the people of Clark county their wishes on that

subject, and Charlestown still retained her hold upon the county seat.

But the strength of the removal feeling had been tested and it showed that a majority of the people were in favor of it.

They were defeated but not discouraged.

After another lapse of forty years the fight was renewed.

One generation had passed away and another had come upon the stage.

The sons were as ready for the contest as were their fathers before them.

Jeffersonville township, including the city of Jeffersonville, now had nearly one-half of the whole population of Clark county.

It was right, it was just, that the majority of the people should rule in such questions of public accommodation, was contended by the people of the southwest end of the county.

So about the first of January, 1876, the city council of Jeffersonville, headed by its then recently elected Mayor, Hon. Luther F. Warder, determined to make another effort to regain the county seat.

Everything was duly considered; every arrangement was deliberately made and the movement fully inaugurated under the general law regulating county seat removals.

The ground was donated for the site of the court house; thirty thousand dollars were voted and raised and deposit-d with the county Treasurer as a donation to the county to build a court house in case of a removal to

Jeffersonville, and canvassers were sent out to procure signatures to the removal petitions.

The people of Charlestown met the movement at the threshold.

They fought it with vigor and determination.

The people in the upper end of the county joined them in the fight.

The contest ran into bitter, personal hostility between the two sections of the county.

Animosities were engendered that perhaps, never will be healed.

Political affinities were destroyed and the removal question dominated every other and all other questions of public interest.

The board of county commissioners met at the Charlestown court house on the first Monday in March, 1876. The petitions for removal, containing a clear majority of all the voters in the county, were presented.

Every effort was made to defeat them.

It was charged that a large portion of the signatures were fictitious.

The anti-removalists were met at every point.

The case was pressed through the Commissioner's Court.

They appealed to the Circuit Court.

A change of venue was taken to Floyd county.

Then a special Judge was agreed upon and Judge Perkins, of Indianapolis, was sent to try the case.

At length the anti-removalists had

reached the end and were compelled to submit to the inevitable.

On the — of October, 1878, the county records were removed to the court house which had already been built in Jeffersonville, and it again after a lapse of sixty-seven years became re-established as the county seat of Clark county.

It is not probable that the disturbing question of county seat removal will ever again, or at least not during the present generation, agitate and divide the people of Clark county.

An important event in the early history of Jeffersonville was the project inaugurated in 1818 to build a canal around the Ohio Falls on the Indiana side of the river.

The means were to be furnished by a lottery and the plan was to make the waters of Cane Run do the work by digging a ditch and starting them along it, and they would wash out the dirt and open a channel sufficiently wide and deep for a canal.

The ditch was dug and the waters of Cane Run forced into it by a dam, but they would not wash worth a cent and the project fell through, and no canal on the Jeffersonville side of the river is yet built.

During the war, on account of the peculiar location and the facilities which it afforded for transportation as a distributing depot of military supplies, Jeffersonville was made a depot of military and quarter-master's supplies.

After the close of the war, it still continued as such; and millions of dol-



lars worth of supplies were kept in some temporary buildings near Howard's ship yard.

In the meantime, the question of a permanent location of a quarter-master's depot of supplies in the city of Jeffersonville was discussed between the city officials and the Quarter-master General at Washington.

The outcome of it was that in January, 1870, under the administration of General Levi Sparks as Mayor of the city of Jeffersonville, the city purchased the ground at a cost of \$11,000 and donated it to the United States for the purpose of erecting a permanent depot.

The building was completed in 1874, where millions of dollars worth of government supplies are stored for general distribution all over the United States, and where thousands of dollars worth of army clothing are manufactured by the sewing women of Jeffersonville and New Albany every year.

The growth of Jeffersonville has been slow but gradual and substantial. Every year has added something to its population and to its wealth. Public improvements have kept even pace with its growth. It has one of the best improved wharves of any city upon the Ohio river, and has more miles of paved streets than any other city of its size in the State.

It has recently completed a system of water works which will add greatly to the comfort, cleanliness and sanitation of our people and will afford

complete fire protection to every householder in the city.

The population of Jeffersonville is now estimated at 13,000 and is growing every day. Many new residences have been built during the last year, some of them very elegant and would do honor to any city. Its streets are well built up with substantial buildings and present something worthy of notice in the way of ornamental architecture. Many neat cottages which give comfortable homes to its laborers and mechanics, beautify its streets and give the city a picturesque and rural appearance.

The city of Jeffersonville is well located for a manufacturing center, and large interests are now in active operation. Our chief manufactures are railway cars, steamboats and machinery of various kinds. The Ohio Falls Carworks are the second largest establishment of the kind in the United States and have a capacity of working two thousand men per day. These works are most complete in all their details, and give almost constant employment to from 1,500 to 2,000 hands daily.

The ship yard here stands pre-eminent with all river men, and more boats are built here than at any other point upon the Ohio or any other river between Pittsburg and New Orleans, and they rank among the finest and best steamers that navigate the western waters.

Steamboat building has been a

prominent business in Jeffersonville from its earliest history.

The high river bank, the deep water and the immense forests of the very best timber in the country near by, all afforded facilities for boat building that made it profitable to the builders.

Besides these are large flouring mills, large manufacturing interests connected with the State Prison South, which is located here; two foundries doing a large business, especially that of Sweeney & Bros. extensive coopering establishment.

The manufacture of hydraulic cement, in the vicinity of Jeffersonville, has become a business of great magnitude.

There are five companies in active operation, with an aggregate capacity of 120 car-loads, or 8,000 to 10,000 barrels per day. These mills afford employment for over 2,500 men per day, employed in the quarries in getting out the stone and transporting it to the mills, manufacturing and handling, in delivering it to the railroads for shipment. The supply of the material is practically inexhaustible.

As a location for manufacturing plants, Jeffersonville could not well be improved. The facilities for transportation of the raw material or the finished article from here, cannot be surpassed anywhere. With steamboat transportation on the Ohio river, which lasts the year around, we have railroad transportation in every direction, railroads radiating from Jeffersonville on the north bank and from

Louisville on the south bank of the beautiful Ohio, like the spokes of a wagon wheel from its hub. With such facilities for transportation it will readily be inferred that raw material for manufactures, whether of wood or iron or textiles, can be had as cheap here as at any other point in the West or Southwest, and this is the great desideratum in manufacturing centers.

Beside the excellent facilities now afforded the citizens for crossing over to Louisville every fifteen minutes by the elegant steamers of the Louisville and Jeffersonville Ferry Company, they will in all probability, at an early day, have a bridge spanning the river from Jeffersonville to Louisville with street cars running every few minutes between the two cities. These are some of the promises which Jeffersonville holds out to those seeking a location for business investments. They at least are worth considering by all who are seeking locations. But as it has been wisely said that man shall not live by bread alone, and men, in seeking a location for business, also seek for a home, where the highest and purest social relations can be established, with religious influences around them and where the best educational facilities for their children can be had. All these can be had in Jeffersonville. Beside their churches of all denominations, the people boast and with good reason they think, that they have a good system of schools, exceeded by no others in the State.

# CRAWFORD COUNTY.

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CRAWFORD County is one of the smallest counties in the sisterhood. Its people have never been very great, "have never risen high to fall," but they have been proverbially loyal and brave. From her borders have gone forth statesmen pure and polished, soldiers heroic and brave. In the last twelve months she has been given an unenviable notoriety by the exaggerated newspaper reports of what is known as "White Caps." True, as all counties have, she had some lawless men who through their unusual departure from the ordinary path of crime attracted some attention. But let us here remark that it was only the very few who even knew of the organization, the vast majority condemned the course in the severest terms, and glad they are that the last gad has been laid aside and that the offended law is dealing with the outlaws as they deserve. "White Cappery" is dead in Crawford county and may her fair name never again be snatched by anything so damning.

Crawford county lies on the Ohio river nearly midway from east to west where the "La Belle Riviere" makes

that grand sweeping circle called Horse Shoe Bend. It has a river border of twenty-four miles; Harrison county on the east, Washington and Orange counties on the north, Dubois and Perry counties on the west. Big Blue river forms the eastern boundary except for a short distance. The General Assembly on Feb. 10th, 1831, established the permanent boundary of the county as follows: "That all the district of country included within the following boundaries shall form and constitute the county of Crawford, to-wit: Beginning on the Ohio river at the mouth of Big Blue river, thence up the same with the meanders thereof until it strikes the line dividing sections twenty-six and twenty-seven, in the township three south and range two east, thence north with said sectional line until it strikes Big Blue river, with the meanders thereof until it strikes the line of Harrison and Washington counties; thence west with said line to the corner of Washington county; thence south to the east and west sectional line dividing sections twenty-nine and thirty-two in township one south of range two east;

thence west with said sectional line to the line dividing range two and three west; thence south with said range line nine miles to an east and west line, four miles north of the line dividing townships three and four south; thence east six miles; thence south four miles; thence east six miles to the meridian line; thence south with the meridian line to the Ohio river; thence up the same with the meanders thereof to the mouth of Big Blue river, the place of beginning." The superficial area of the county is three hundred and four square miles, comprising one hundred and ninety-four thousand five hundred and sixty acres. Population in 1860 was eight thousand two hundred and twenty-six; in 1870, nine thousand eight hundred and fifty-one; in 1880, twelve thousand three hundred and fifty-six; in 1889 (estimated) fifteen thousand one hundred and ninety.

The surface of the county is broken and hilly. The soil in the river and creek bottoms is very fertile, while that on the hills is thinner, more adapted to pasturage and raising of fruit. The eastern half of the county is situated in the limestone belt with red clay subsoil, making excellent wheat land. Crawford county was originally one of the best timbered counties in the State. Heavy forests of walnut, poplar, ash, hickory, oak and beech stood thick upon the ground. Nearly all of the walnut and poplar has been manufactured, but the oak timber is still plentiful and is a source of con-

siderable revenue to the people. There are still many fine groves of sugar and maple trees from which large quantities of maple sugar are manufactured. The bluffs of the Ohio river are generally steep or precipitous, rising three hundred to five hundred feet above the bottom lands. The rocky exposures in this county belong to the carboniferous age and comprise the lower or conglomerate member of the coal measures and the Chester and St. Louis groups of the sub-carboniferous period. Borings and deep wells cut through the Keokuk and Knobstone groups and have pierced the black slate or upper member of the Devonian formation. The recent geology shows the energetic erosive denuding agencies at work since the surface was first elevated as a great, nearly level plain, above the surface of the Paleozoic sea. A little north of the center and especially in the vicinity and east of Mount Prospect, and thence in the direction of Pilot Knob the Kaskaskia is the only limestone present; the other limerocks and the massive ledges of sandstone are replaced with soft mud shales. The sandstone division is well developed in the outcrop on the river bluff west of Leavenworth at Indian Hollow. Many of the strata are heavy bedded or massive. It is an excellent building stone and fresh from the quarry it works soft, hardens on exposure and may by skilful workmen be broken or split in cubes or blocks of any shape and any desired

size. It is superior grit stone and should be utilized.

A short distance north of the village of Mifflin is a boldly escarped outcrop of conglomerate sandstone projecting far enough to form a wide rock house cave which from the ashes, flint and stone implements found within has been used as a shelter by Indians. This Rock House is three hundred feet long and averages fifteen feet deep. The Indians' use of this house is indicated by the great number of flint chips, broken knives, scrapers, etc. Pilot Knob, which is situated northeast of the center of the county, was an island in the ancient lake, in the bed or on the side of which the Loess was deposited. The animal and vegetable remains found upon it indicate a tropical temperature. The Knob from its isolated and elevated position affords a highly interesting view from its summit. The Muldraugh hills of Kentucky are seen like cones piercing the sky twenty-eight miles distant. There are outcroppings of coal at Wickliffe, English, Magnolia and other places, with seams from four to ten inches thick. It is not found in sufficient quantities to pay for working it. There are fine indications of lead in the county. West of Alton about one mile there are large deposits of lead. It is told by the early settlers that the Indians visited this region for years after they were driven west, for the purpose of procuring lead. R. H. Willett and Jno. H. Weathers, the present pro-

prietors of the land, will in a short time have the vein opened and proceed to work it, if found in paying quantities. Evidences of silver have been found in the county, and in 1888 a large number of mining leases were taken by companies for the purpose of smelting silver ore. Chemists of national reputation have assayed specimens sent from this county with the most favorable results. Lime is made from the native limestone in abundance. Vast numbers of kilns are burned each year. All kinds of kilns of ancient and modern pattern are found in the county. Crawford county lies in the natural gas belt of Indiana. Gas indications are found in many places. Wells have been bored in various sections for salt and petroleum, and during the boring of each, gas in small quantities has been found. At Benham's salt well it was struck a distance of one hundred and thirty-five feet. A vast number of farms have been leased to natural gas companies. Among those interested in these ventures are J. B. Speed, Esq., of Louisville, Ky., and Wm. Everdon, a prominent merchant of Leavenworth. Salt was formerly made at the Ott and Benham wells. The brine was rich, producing twenty barrels of salt per day, and the salt was pure, but not in sufficient quantity to defray expense of manufacturing. Boring to a greater depth will not increase the quantity of brine, but probably reduce the strength by dilution and decomposition. Petroleum has

been found on the surface at springs, and seeps in small quantities at more than twenty localities. During the oil excitement from 1864 to 1868 ten wells were bored in this county, and almost every one yielded "a show of oil," but in no case could a yield of more than a pint a day from either well be obtained.

The county is drained by the Ohio river, together with its two principal tributaries in this section, viz: Big Blue river and Little Blue river. Big Blue river forms almost the entire eastern boundary and drains that part of the county. Its principal tributaries are Whiskey Run, Dry Run and Slick Run. Its main tributary is Whiskey Run which rises in the western part of Liberty township, flows almost directly east past Marengo, where it is joined by Brandywine and a few miles further on by Cider Fork and thence into Big Blue about one mile north of Milltown. Little Blue river drains the larger part of the county running entirely through the county from north to south. Its principal feeders are Otter Fork, West Fork, Camp Fork, Stinking Fork, Clear Creek, Turkey Fork and Mill Creek.

The Patoka and Anderson rivers have their rise in the north-south ridge of conglomerate table lands, with drainage to the west and empty their waters into the Wabash and Ohio rivers. Each of these streams have their beds in narrow canon like valleys with steep precipitous bluffs from one

hundred to four hundred feet. The water supply is largely in excess of local necessities and many valuable sites are unoccupied, and those on Big Blue river are worthy of examination by millers and manufacturers. The river is fed by cave springs, hence the summer stream is reliable and the pure water is admirably adapted to the manufacture of white paper and chemical products. The river and creek bottoms are very fertile but the hillsides and uplands suffer much from washing especially by spring freshets. These streams are all full of fish and those who delight in "casting the line" for the game fish, find sport along their banks. Pike, perch, bass, cat, salmon and sun-fish are among the more numerous classes.

In one thing at least, Crawford county excels all her sisters in the State, and that is in the number, size and beauty of her underground chambers. Rough, rugged and jagged upon her surface, it seems that nature has doubly repaid her in the grandeur of her caves. Under almost the entire county there are numberless caverns of unrivalled extent and beauty. The eastern part of the county lies in the sub-carboniferous limestone belt, which belt extends across the Ohio river and down through Kentucky, and it is in this same belt we find the celebrated Mammoth Cave of that State. A short description of the more noted, will not we trust be amiss.

In the northern part of the county about one mile from Marengo, is a

small cave that has only been explored a short distance. It is called Indian's cave. In it have been found a number of skeletons of Indians or Mound Builders. On account of some peculiarity of the atmosphere the bones do not seem to have decayed. They appear to have been coated over with something like the balm of the ancient Egyptians which defies the destroying hand of Time. No doubt in this cave, situated upon a high hill, might have been a burying place of some of the tribes of the aborigines. This cave is locally noted on account of a tradition. It is said that about fifty years ago an old Indian returned to the neighborhood of this cave and after making some search for marks upon trees and stones, took from them the direction to this cave. What he did there tradition sayeth not, but he informed some men who lived near and who were kind to him that there was a large amount of treasure secreted near this cave and that they should be guided to it by certain rocks, notable among which was a triangular shaped rock in which he said was cut a crescent. After he had gone, considerable search was made and strange to say the stone with the crescent cut into it was found, but the other links of the direction have been lost and the treasure is still undiscovered.

Miller's Cave lies about two and one-half miles from Milltown. It is in the side of a high bluff overhanging Whiskey Run Creek. It has never been explored to any great extent.

It has some large rooms and pretty formations. The cave is the home of a number of red foxes that infest that neighborhood and to which they fly for refuge when pursued. Salt-petre Cave is situated about half a mile from the celebrated Wyandotte Cave, and takes its name from the fact that in the early times salt-petre was manufactured by the settlers. One of the lixiviating troughs is still to be seen in the cave. It has one room which is of gigantic size and reaches upward into an immense "steplike" dome. But the cave that is most wonderful, the one that rivals the Mammoth in the size of its rooms, that excels the Grotto of Antipharos in the beauty of its scenery; that is entitled to take its place among Fingalls and the other celebrated caverns of the earth, is Wyandotte. This cave takes its name from the tribe of Indians that formerly roamed through the surrounding forests or crouched in stealth along the quiet valleys. In the chambers of this beautiful underground palace were held the wild dances of war and through its halls resounded the fierce eloquence of "Big Foot" inciting his people to valor. The Wyandottes are gone, but they have given their name to this cave that will be yet in the youth of its discovery when their last bow-string is snapped. No written description can convey an adequate idea of the grandeur, gloom, and beauty of the cave. The visitor wanders on mile after mile through superb passages

quarried out of solid rock by the mighty forces of nature into magnificent chambers, whose lofty ceilings are veiled in darkness; along rocky walls whose rugged faces are wrought by the subtle chemistry of nature into forms of rarest beauty. One knows not which to admire most, the delicate tracery of snowy gypsum upon the walls, or the mighty power that has cleft asunder great hills of solid rock and lightly tossed the huge fragments into fantastic heaps. Whoever visits the Wyandotte Cave let him go reverently, for the Master's hand has been at work there. Wyandotte is said to be far richer in stalactite ornamentations than any other. The stalactites are of the fine grained translucent kind often called alabaster which much resembles the Mexican onyx. For untold ages the finger of Time has been at work to form its glories and beauties. Wyandotte Cave is situated half a mile from Big Blue river, eight miles from Milltown and five miles from Leavenworth. The entrance is almost at the summit of a high hill one hundred and fifty feet above the bed of Blue river. It is two hundred and seventy feet above low water mark of the Ohio river and five hundred and seventy three feet above the level of the ocean. From the top of the ridge to the river we have the following section. Covered slope, 20 ft. Buff sandstone with stems of fossil plants, 80 ft. Archinoides limestone, 5 ft. Shale and brown limestone, 35 ft. Gray limestone, 20 ft. Limestone fine grained

oolitic 50 ft. Gray cherty, 230 ft. Bed of Blue river, 230 ft.

The geological position of the Wyandotte Cave is precisely similar to that of the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. It is in the same sub-carboniferous strata which is so favorable to the formation of caverns, sink holes and basin-shaped pits. It lies above the valleys and in its course conforms to the general direction of the ridges, that is, north-east and south-west. The length of the Cave including all the avenues is twenty-three miles, and is divided into the New and Old Cave. It was formerly known as the old Indiana Salt-petre Cave. One Dr. Adams, first pre-empted the land and during the war with England, 1812 to 1815, he manufactured salt-petre, after which time he relinquished his claim. One of the old salt-petre kettles is yet on the farm, a curious relic of the metallurgic art of a century ago. Up to 1850 the cave was not much visited, and in fact it was the subject of legislative enactment, as we find that the Legislature enacted a law in 1843 compelling the owner to fence up the entrance and prevent cattle from licking the epsom salts. But in that year some gentlemen discovered a small opening at the end of "Bandit's Hall" which when enlarged led through "Fat Man's Misery" to the extensive New Cave. This aperture might have been passed for a thousand years and not have been noticed. The discoverers were surprised to



find that this part of the cave had been occupied, including the spacious areas of "Bat's Hall," "Sandy Plain," and Rothrock Cathedral. Hundreds of poles, six to twelve feet long and from one to two and a half inches in diameter, were found scattered in all parts, probably used for carrying burdens of food or skins, or for aggressive or defensive purposes. Significant, too, of the Stone Age, the poles were of such soft brittle wood as sassafras, poplar and paw-paw, as might be readily obtained by breaking, many having been twisted off at the ground, others torn from the earth with part of roots attached, while a few had been cut with some dull implement, indicating the use of stone axes and flint knives. It was not a house of darkness; the charred remains of torches made of shell-bark hickory, tell of the mode of illumination. The ceilings are still black and sooty from the smoke of flambeaux and fires for cooking. Beyond the Augur Hole were found by the explorers the tracks of one large man, two smaller men or women and three children. The imprints of the moccasined feet were in the plastic clay on the floor. These tracks or Indian foot-prints were there in good condition. They appeared to have been on an exploring tour, as they proceeded close to the north side of the route and examined every crevice, returning on the south side. The lapse of time since these tracks were made may be approximately inferred from

the fact that there being no other known entrance, they must have gone in the "Augur Hole" which, to have admitted a full grown man of average dimensions, must have had an area of twelve by eighteen inches. White men found this closed to a space of ten by five inches; now the deposit made by water, holding lime in solution, on the same spot since the opening in 1850, a period of twenty-eight years, is a mere film, not one hundredth of an inch in thickness, so that more than one thousand years must have elapsed since these tracks were made. We may very properly infer from this data and from the finding of stone hammers and grinding pestles there, that what is now known as the "New Cave" was occupied or at least visited by men of the Stone Age. The atmosphere of the cave is remarkably pure and exhilarating and persons can undergo an unusual amount of physical exertion.

The temperature is uniform throughout the year, being about fifty-six degrees winter and summer. The cave is the home of numbers of animals, insects and fishes. In it you will find skeletons of foxes, rabbits, turtles, raccoons and other surface abiding animals that go into the cave for refuge throughout the day and when their hour of demise draws near they creep into its sombre solitudes to die. In some of the outer halls vast numbers of bats congregate in the winter season, where they hang in immense

bunches from the roof. There are also blind craw-fish and blind beetles and eyeless fishes found in the pools. There are a vast number of rooms all celebrated by some peculiarity of formation.

First, Fanenil Hall, which is two hundred feet long and fifty feet wide. A short distance further we come to Columbian Arch, resembling a railway tunnel and symmetrical as if it were the work of an artisan. This leads to Washington Avenue, at the end of which stands the celebrated statue called Wyandotte Chief, waiting, seemingly, to gloat over the death of some daring pale face. Next is "Bandit Hall" at the end of which is the junction of the old and new caves. Turning to the right, only a few yards, is "Fat Man's Misery," a narrow passage twenty feet in length which leads to "Bats' Lodge." A short distance on we come to "Rugged Mountain," an elevation of forty feet, on the summit of which is the Rotunda, a circular room over one hundred feet in diameter. In this room, epsom salts, sparkling, pure and white and white gypsum is found in abundance. Leaving the Rotunda, passing through Hanover Chapel, Bassinite Avenue and Coons' Council you enter a high room forty feet wide and one hundred and twenty feet long, with circular walls and smooth ceiling, encircled near the top by a belt of blue flint six inches thick, giving it the appearance of a curiously wrought cornice; this is called the Dining Room. Taking the left divis-

ion we go but a short distance to "Creeping Avenue," a passage of two hundred feet long and twenty feet wide, about three feet high, at the end of which is "Pillared Palace." This is a room five or six feet high, fifty feet wide and several hundred feet in length, the ceiling of which is, a complete fringe of stalactites, while the floor is thickly set with stalagmites uniting in many places. They form the grandest pillars ever seen, transparent as crystal and ring like silver bells when stricken by a slight blow. Thence through Genii Bower, Caliope's Bower, Purgatory, Fairy's Grotto, General Scott's Reception Room, Hall of Representatives, we are led to Monument Mountain, one hundred and seventy-five feet high, while seventy-five feet above it is Wallace's Grand Dome of which Rev. Hovey says:

"This Dome has hardly a superior in the world. Standing on the summit of the mountain, we looked upwards, but the top was veiled in darkness. We cast our glances around us and the same unilluminated night lay beyond the dim light of our candles. But when we had lighted our fireworks, then we could see far above us the bending arch of this majestic temple, rising two hundred and forty-five feet from the base of the mountain; while around us extended in vast proportions a circular wall one thousand feet in circumference. Within this rotunda the ancient Pantheon might be placed or St. Paul's of London find ample room. At the foot of

the mountain is the Augur Hole through which we are ushered into Liliputian Hall and beyond which are Cerulean Vault, Milroy's Temple, Frost King's Palace and many other beautiful rooms which space forbids to note. In the northwest branch of the old cave we have Pygmy Dome, Odd Fellows Hall, Temple of Honor, Pillar of the Constitution and many other celebrities, but language fails to convey anything like a correct idea of the grandeur and immensity of its rooms.

It would take a volume to describe the whole cave. Those who have visited the Mammoth Cave will find this one not a whit behind it in interest. It is evidently worthy of a visit and of the study of all who wish to become familiar with the grand and beautiful in nature and have their minds led through nature up to nature's God.

**MARENGO CAVE.**—On Sunday, September 9th, 1883, S. M. Stewart, Jr., of Marengo, in company with some other boys, getting in pursuit of a rabbit, it fled to a basin where it entered a hole. The boys, determined that it should not escape them so easily, pulled away some loose stones that closed the orifice, found that they could go into the hole themselves, and upon taking out some more debris saw that they stood in the mouth of a cavern. They immediately spread the news of their discovery and hundreds of citizens of the town of Marengo and vicinity gathered around the entrance and proceeded to explore

its mysteries. Throughout the entire day and the following night, parties pushed into the bowels of the earth. The scenery was so grand, the arrangement so varied and the formation so beautiful that they did not tire. Such was the discovery of Marengo Cave, which is situated about one-fourth of a mile from the town from which it took its name. Its entrance is perhaps sixty feet above the low water mark of Whiskey Run Creek, upon the side of a hill, and perhaps one-third of the distance to the top. It is in the St. Louis limestone belt, in the subcarboniferous strata so common and favorable to the formation of wonderful caverns. It is perhaps the most beautiful cave in the United States if not in the world. Strange to say, it was seventy-two years from the first settlement of the community until the discovery of this beautiful underground palace. It is one mile north of the Louisville & St. Louis Air Line railroad. Mr. Samuel W. Stewart, the owner of the land, and the present proprietor of the cave, proceeded in a few days after its discovery to prepare for visitors who came to see this grand panorama of nature's handiwork. He widened the entrance, made it more pleasant of ingress, placed steps where it would otherwise be difficult of passage, arranged walks and placed a commodious building over the entrance. The cave proper is but three miles in length, which taken with the minor avenues is five miles in length. But what it lacks in length it supplies in

beauty and gorgeousness of display. It consists of four principal departments; the main cave and three arms or tributaries. The main cave is generally dry and of easy access its entire length, and while not so bountifully furnished as other parts yet it is astounding to the credulous. Washington Avenue, the most extensive of the tributaries, is an entrancingly beautiful piece of nature's architecture. The arrangement being most pleasing and attractive. Here the beholder can spend hours looking at its wonderful works and is then loth to pass on. Crystal Palace, another of the arms, is everything its name implies; the beauty of beauties, the wonder of wonders, and the amazement of all. The multiferous formations of every conceivable shape and size glitter in the light as if studded with innumerable diamonds. Here the meditator may ponder and ruminate, and yet realize but faintly the splendors which surround him. The ceiling is everywhere draped and festooned in gorgeous splendor. The sides are pillared and propped by beautiful, clear white stalagmites. The floor is an incrustation of semi-transparent crystal, giving the whole the appearance of the palace royal of the mystic gods of bygone ages. Here is thought for geologists, here is food for the curious and here are hours of pastime for the reader in the pages of Nature's unwritten history. This is truly the grandest combination of natural formations, combining beauty,

picturesqueness and brilliancy, that has yet been given to mortal eye. There are some twelve other departments, each containing varied scenery, some surpassing in one beauty, some in another. Time forbids a more minute description. The only way that a realization of the grandeur and magnificence of this, Nature's picture and art gallery, can be obtained, is to come and see it.

Crawford county is so broken that its agricultural possibilities are not the greatest. But the soil is strong, and in the valleys, rich and productive. In the early settlement of the county the pioneers did not enter their land in the bottoms, as they considered them sickly, full of chills and fever and "sloughs." So they usually chose a site near some spring on the ridges. Thus it was that upland was taken up first and cleared and has really been under cultivation longer than the low lands. They did not then depend so much upon the ground for subsistence as now. The gun was a more potent weapon than the hoe to supply the table. Crawford county was the home and haunt of vast numbers of the larger game, such as elk, bear, panther, deer and turkey. The old hunter would take his "flint lock" and start to one of the "deer licks" and by noon would have plenty of the finest meat in the world. The soil has suffered from unskillful husbandry. When the land was first cleared it was cultivated in corn year after year, as that was the principal product. Another very bad

thing has been the cultivating of the uplands and hillsides in the small grains, on account of which the rains have carried much of the soil down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. When the farmers learn to put their hillsides and rolling land in grass and pay more attention to stock raising, then will they stop their farms from going down to the Delta. Crawford was covered with a dense forest of the larger growth of timber, while the wild grape, wild plum, berries and persimmons flourished. The forests have gone but the soil remains. There is room for improvement in the agriculture of the county. The river bottoms, with judicious rotation of crops, will prove fertile for years to come. The level plateau covering the elevated region on the eastern side of the county may be referred to lacustral origin. It has a close, cold soil which, in dry seasons, or when well drained, shows great strength, producing good crops of wheat, hay, etc. This may be greatly enlarged and the crops wonderfully increased by a judicious system of tile and open air drains, and thus enhance the value of the farms. The soil in the hilly regions of the western part of the county is, as a rule, composed of fine silicious material, easily exhausted and requires careful management. Exhaustive crops should be avoided. The stalks, chaff and straw should invariably be returned to the soil as manure, and a large area devoted to fruit and orchard grass for permanent pastures and clover.

Every five years these exhausted fields should be treated to a dressing of thirty to fifty bushels of lime to the acre. Since the introduction of bone dust into the county these lands are yielding fine crops. Old fields that had been thrown out to the commons have been treated to an application of one hundred and fifty to two hundred pounds of bone dust to the acre, and have produced fifteen to twenty bushels an acre. The greatest benefit to the land derived from bone meal is that it gives a good set to clover or grass. Farmers are learning to sow orchard grass and timothy and clover with their wheat, drilling it all together and are revivifying their dead ground. The principal products are wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, vegetables and grass. Most of the products are held for home consumption. The upland soil is best adapted to pasturage and hay. Lately much attention has been given to improvement in the breeding of stock. And we find the "Jersey" taking the place of the "scrub" on many of the farms. The following is reported as average crops by a well informed agriculturist: wheat, upland, 13 bushels per acre; wheat, bottoms, 23 bushels per acre; Corn, upland, 20 bushels per acre; corn, bottoms, 35 bushels per acre; onions, 200 to 300 bushels per acre; potatoes, 150 to 300 bushels per acre.

The agricultural report of 1880, taken from the census of the United States, gave the county 1,615 improved farms, aggregating 75,645 acres

of improved land, valued, including fences and buildings, at \$1,452,902. It also shows the value of farming implements and machinery to be \$59,190; value of live stock, \$248,683; cost of building and repairing fences (1879), \$20,034; cost of fertilizers (1879), \$6,924; estimated value of all farm productions (1879), \$295,371. It gives the following productions for that year: corn, 311,464 bushels; oats, 64,826 bushels; wheat, 70,040 bushels. Value of orchard products, \$17,091; hay, 3,555 tons; Irish potatoes, 34,361 bushels; sweet potatoes, 2,934 bushels; tobacco, 10,920 pounds. We may safely say that with the increased attention given to agriculture and the free use of commercial manures, the increase in the above figures in the last nine years is nearly if not quite 33 per cent above that of 1880. Small fruits and the peach are well adapted to the hilly uplands and with fair culture a failure is rare. Apple orchards are numerous, produce well, and with diligent management are highly remunerative. The estimated average annual crop of apples is 600,000 barrels. The favorite varieties are the Roman Beauty, New York Pippin and the Wine Sap. The raising of apples is receiving increased attention. William Everdon has the largest orchard in the county. N. R. Peckinpough, of Leavenworth, owns a farm in the big bottom below Schooner Point and gives it as his experience that he has realized more money from his orchard of twenty acres planted

on a rocky hill than from the production of seventy-five acres in the rich bottom cultivated in wheat and corn. That is the experience of all; that the apple crop is more remunerative. The cultivation of the grape has been begun in the county. Messrs. J. Sacksteder & Son have a vineyard on the south-east hill slope, about three-fourths of a mile from Leavenworth, of twenty-seven acres. They have been engaged in the grape culture for several years and have been very successful. They manufactured in 1887 12,000 gallons of wine, and in 1888, 11,000 gallons of wine. Other farmers observing the success that have attended them have also engaged in the same business.

It might be proper to suggest to the farmers that instead of "coming" their old hillsides, if they would plant them a vineyard or engage in the cultivation of the strawberry or raspberry, their income would be much larger at the end of the year. Now that the greater portion of the timber is gone, the people will be compelled to turn their attention to other things for a livelihood and we would suggest stock raising, grape culture, raising of small fruits, increase of apple orchards and more meadows, as a few of the callings that with industry and skillful management will yield good results. There are five hundred forty acre tracts in the county that could be bought for two hundred and fifty dollars each, which if put in the cultivation of fruit or grass would yield a support to as many families. Either

the soil is injurious to the burrowing grubs, or the sulphurous character of the atmosphere derived from sulphur springs, gas seeps, and the decomposition of pyritous shales, protects fruit from many pests, elsewhere so injurious both to fruit and the trees. The soil seems to be especially favorable to the growth of fruit trees. On the farm of an old pioneer now ninety-seven years of age, may yet be seen apple trees planted by him sixty-five years ago. They are now two and a half and three feet in diameter, thrifty and vigorous. Of the early settlement of Crawford county we know but little except from tradition. Attracted here by the plenteousness of game, settlers came quite early in the century. In 1800, July 4th, Indiana was organized as a territory. Crawford county was then a part of Clark and Knox counties. In 1809, Harrison county was organized from parts of Clark and Knox counties, and included all of Crawford. Nine years later the present county of Crawford was cut off from Harrison and organized into a separate county. Almost all the early settlers came from the Southern states. Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. The reason that so many settlers left their homes in the warm balmy South to find new homes north of the Ohio river, was that they abhorred human slavery. And the descendants of these brave pioneers, who faced wilderness and savage Indians for principle's sake, long years afterwards in the dark days of this

nation's history faced cannon's mouths, bayonets and grape and canister that the same unholly institution might be swept out of existence and consigned to an ignominious grave. Much of the early history of Crawford county is in common with Harrison county which will be found elsewhere in this volume. There were pioneers in what is now Crawford county—hunters and adventurers were here as early as 1804—among them John Peckinpugh, but none of them settled permanently in that year. In 1806 quite a number of families came to southern Indiana. One man settled on Cider Fork of Whiskey Run Creek in what is now Whiskey Run township. This was Thomas Strond. He must, therefore, be accounted the first settler of Crawford county having settled in March 1806. In the fall of 1806 Mr. Strond was followed by E. E. Morgan, William McKee, and William Frakes. Morgan and McKee settled in the northeastern part, while Frakes settled in the northwestern part of the county.

During 1807 quite a number of families were added to the population, among whom were Peter Frakes who established himself on Big Blue river near the eastern boundary of the county and William Van Winkle.

During the year 1808 the Strond neighborhood was increased by a number of families, among whom were Jacob and Jonathan Rice, and Malachi Monk who settled near Big Springs (now Marengo) and John Peckinpugh settled in the bottom

below Schooner Point. During these years more settlers came than during the following years. In 1810 came Cornelius Hall, Martin H. Tucker and Lazarus Stewart. The first settler on the present site of Marengo was Henry Hallowell, a native of North Carolina. Among the early settlers not already mentioned whose names have not been lost are the following, viz: Richard Weathers, Henry Jones, Potter Harvey, John Weathers, Elisha Tadlock, Thomas Davidson, George Bortwesser, James Vanwinkle, John Samuels, William Doggs, James Brown, Martin Scott, John Best, Squire Green, Brice Patrick, Martin Holack, John Hooten, Daniel Weathers, Wm. Willard, John Poe, George Goodson, Edward Pyles, Joseph Tibbs, William Samuels, Joseph Vanwinkle, Abraham Wiseman, Gory Jones, Isaac Shields, Noah Ford, John Lynch, Jesse Lynch, Thomas Lynch, John Wright, John Sturgeon, William Anderson, James Barker, Henry Barker, John Seaton, William Babb, Alexander McRae, John Landiss, Moses Smith, Caleb Temple, John Crawford, John Ellis, Nathaniel Holleroft, Henry Fullenwider. Later on, Leavenworths, Conrads, Clarks, Pankeys, Johnsons, Capt. Posey, General Thom, etc., etc. We might give many other names but these are deemed sufficient. These came to the county while it was yet a wilderness. Many of their descendants are reputable citizens of the county. Most of the settlers settled

near good springs, as that seemed more important than good land. They also usually settled where there were maple trees, that they might manufacture sugar and molasses from the trees. The earliest settlers were molested by the Indians. There was considerable horse stealing. There is no record of any one having been killed by the Indians except in a raid after some of them who had stolen some horses. Wm. Samuels, who was afterward the first clerk of the county, was wounded in the knee. For personal safety from the red-skins Malachi Monk, Cornelius Hall, Martin H. Tucker, Lazarus Stewart, Henry Hallowell and a few others, in the year 1811 built a block house. It was a two-story structure built of round logs. The logs were made to project at the top of the first story to enable persons to shoot down at the enemy that would approach from the outside, and at the same time be protected themselves. In time of trouble the families would take refuge in this house and at times remain there for a week or more. This building was erected about one mile east of the present site of Marengo. The early settlers would go to Jeffersonville for salt, pay one dollar a bushel and carry it home on horseback, making a round trip of seventy-five to one hundred miles. At the time of the early settlement, large game was abundant. Scarcity of bacon was the least privation the pioneers had to endure. There were



no hogs at first, but in a few years they became plentiful, running wild in the woods. In the fall they would get fat on the mast and would be slaughtered in vast numbers and shipped to Southern markets.

This was a great branch of industry in the early days of the county. Men followed butchering and shipped the pork to the lower counties on the Mississippi. The fact of the hogs running wild, led to many disputes and quarrels about their marks. At one time there were about a thousand hogs driven from Lawrence and Orange counties down into Crawford to fatten on the mast. People in Crawford considered this as an infringement, and procuring guns, killed almost all of them. They were indicted. The witnesses would swear they heard the gun and saw the smoke, but could not tell who did the firing. There were no mills in the very earliest days. They ground corn by hand by the use of the distaff. The first settlers went to Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison's mill, which was on Big Blue river. When Gen. Harrison left Indiana, this mill went into the possession of Mr. William Wilson. Soon after, several horse-mills were built in different parts of the county. One was on Bogard's Fork, one on Little Blue River. In the year 1818, Seth M. and Zebulon Leavenworth erected a saw and grist mill at the present site of Milltown, run by water. In the few years following, several water mills were erected. One was built near Fre-

donia in 1819 by one Leggett. Corn was the principal product. Wheat was first sown by Natty Straughn, who is yet living, in 1823. They first threshed the wheat by means of the flail, but soon improved this by introducing the tramping floor. In opening up the farms the neighbors in the community would gather together and "roll logs" for eighteen to twenty-five days. To endure this "sport" men had to have muscles like bands of steel.

In the fall of the year they would frequently meet at the house of some one of them and husk corn, after which, as a general rule, they would stack all of their hats into a pile and blindfold one of the number who would select at random two from the pile, and the owners would be compelled to engage in a wrestle or foot-race. Speaking of the sports of the early settlers we will mention that of "Roly Boly," which is played as follows: One man would lie down, and another at his feet, and then another, and so on, until they had seven or eight in a bunch; clinched together they would roll down a hill, and the first fellow that broke his hold would have to treat the crowd to a gallon of good "old corn." On one occasion Aniel Wright was rolled against a stump by the crowd and had to be carried home. The early settlers had very meagre facilities for mails. First post-offices at Mt. Sterling, Fredonia and at Tuckersville. Postage was 25 cents on a letter. All mail came by

the way of Corydon, and afterward by the river. After the removal of the capitol from Corydon to Indianapolis a stage line was established from Leavenworth to Indianapolis via Paoli and Bloomington. The contract of the post-office department was that whoever carried the mail was to run a coach that would carry nine passengers. There was also a stage line from Leavenworth to New Albany in the early settling of the county. There are a number of old pioneers yet living in the county. We would be pleased to give a sketch of each, but have not space further than to mention their names. John Landiss, a very old and respected citizen, lives near English, and is almost four score and ten. He is the father of Wm. Landiss, ex-Commissioner of the county. Mrs. Nancy A. Clark, of Leavenworth, is past ninety, still vigorous. She is the widow of Samuel Clark, once Sheriff of the county. John Wright died in the winter of 1888, aged 88 years.

The oldest resident of the county is Nathaniel Straughn, of Sterling township, who was born March 8th, 1792. His father was a revolutionary soldier. He has a brother who is ninety-nine years of age living in Sullivan county, Indiana. He came to Crawford county in 1820. He has lived in the same place for sixty-nine years. He has five living children, many grand-children and great-grand-children, and one great-great-grand-child living. He gave two boys to the nation during her darkest hours and

both died in the ranks, and yet, while he is almost penniless, he draws no pension from the government. Mr. Straughn was living before all of the colonies had ratified the Constitution, and who was quite a good sized boy before the death of Gen. Washington, and is yet active and vigorous.

Another very noted old man, yet living is Robert Sharp. He was born in February, 1803, in Wayne county, Ky. His father served with Gen. Frances Marion during the Revolution. Uncle Bob, as he is familiarly called, came to this State in 1812, and grew up with the State. He was very fond of hunting, and many deer, bear and panther fell before his old flint lock. He can yet tell about dancing on the "puncheon floor" (when each fellow kept his own puncheon) with the "gals" dressed in deer skin dresses. He gave three sons to the late war, two of whom never returned. He is one of the most entertaining conversationalists in the county; his mind is clear and his memory is good.

There are many others who deserve notice; Mrs. Sands and Mrs. Margaret Leavenworth, and others. Before school houses were built, school was taught in private houses. In 1818 and 1819 the people erected several log huts for school and church houses. The house had one log cut out of the side to admit light. To keep out the rain and snow they would fasten greased paper over the orifice. Teachers were scarce. Among the earliest teachers were Wm. Johnson, father of

Prof. J. M. Johnson, of whom more mention is made farther on, Alex. Tadlock and Mr. Barmore. Schools increased with the age of the State until the adoption of the present grand system of schools in Indiana. The early settlers, while they believed in the existence of God, yet they were not as arduous for religious matters as they might have been.

The Methodists first organized a class at Mt. Sterling where they held church in a private house. The first "circuit rider" was a man named "Hester." The first preaching at Fredonia was in 1818. The Baptists erected their first church in that place in 1824. The United Brethren Church was established very early. One of its earliest ministers was Rev. J. G. Pfrimmer, another Rev. Jacob Antrim and later Rev. Henry Bonebrake. The church has always occupied a very prominent place in religious affairs in the county and is still growing. It has a membership of 1,250.

Organization of the county. In the session of the General Assembly of 1817 and 1818 a Board of Commissioners was appointed to survey and lay off another county taken from Harrison county. They reported the county of Crawford, and it was thereupon organized in 1818, two years after the admission of Indiana into the Union. The officers appointed for the county to fill the first terms were: Wm. Samuels, Clerk and Recorder; Daniel Weathers, Sheriff and Treasurer; Cornelius Hall and

John Samuels, County Commissioners. The Governor appointed Hon. Davis Floyd Presiding Judge, and Henry Green and James Glenn, Associate Judges. The following is a verbatim copy of the early records of the county:

December Term, 1818, 1st day, Dec. 15th, 1818. This being the day appointed for holding the Dec. term of the Crawford County Circuit Court, and accommodations having been made at Mt. Sterling for the said court, the court met at the court house in said town. Present, the Hon. Henry Green and James Glenn, Associate Judges. The court appointed Ebenezer McDonald Prosecuting Attorney for the term, who thereupon took the oath of office. The sheriff handed into court the following list of grand jurors, to-wit: Martin Scott, Michael Harvey, Elisha Moore, Robert Grimes, Joseph Hawkins, Abraham Hobbs, Riggs Pennington, Samuel Morrow, Lewis Wyman, William Hart, John Riddle, Moses Pennington, Lazarus Stewart, Cornelius Hall, Gory Jones, John McCarty, James Totten and William Anderson. Martin Scott was appointed foreman, who with the other jurors being sworn, retired from the bar to consult of presentments and indictments. On motion, Reuben Wright Nelson, Henry P. Coburn and William Hoggett, Esquires, were admitted as attorneys of this court. It may be remarked that the court house was an imposing structure of one story, made of rough

round logs and belonged to Henry Barker. At first they had no jail. The town of Mt. Sterling consisted of one street and only two houses on the street. It stood in a forest and the frightened deer frequently ran down the street. In this solitary place gathered the solons to deal out justice and here the new county had its birth. When the weather was warm they would adjourn to the shade of a spreading oak to dispense justice. The first indictment found by the grand jury was against John Tibbs and John Seaggs for affray. The record of that trial is as follows :

State of Indiana,	} <i>Affray.</i>
<i>vs.</i>	
John Tibbs, John Seaggs.	

At this time came John Tibbs, one of the defendants, who being arraigned, pleaded not guilty and for his trial put himself upon the county and the prosecuting attorney did the like, whereupon come a jury, to-wit: James Land, Wm. Hollowell, Alexander Barnett, Peter McMickle, Thomas Strond, Constant Williams, Peter Peckinpough, Jonathan Rice, David Miller, Arthur White, John Tallowell and John Lynch, twelve good and lawful men, who being elected, tried and sworn well and truly to try the issue joined, returned into court the following verdict, to-wit: We, the jury, find the defendant guilty and fine him \$1.50. It is therefore considered that the State of Indiana recover of the said defendant

\$1.50 with costs, and that he stand committed until fine and costs be paid.

This was the first trial held in the county. At the second term of the Circuit Court we find the following entry, viz:

At a Circuit Court began and held at the court house in the town of Mount Sterling, county of Crawford, Monday, the 22nd day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen. Present, the Hon. Davis Floyd, President of the 2nd Judicial Circuit.

Henry Green,	} Associate Judges.
James Glenn,	
State of Indiana,	} <i>Indictment for</i>
<i>vs.</i>	
James McCullum.	

This day, came as well the prosecuting attorney, as the said James McCullum in his proper person, and for plea says he is not guilty in manner and form as in the indictment is charged against him; for his trial puts himself upon the county and the prosecuting attorney doth the like, whereupon came a jury, to-wit: John Peckinpough, Robert Sands, Abraham Wiseman, Thomas Parr, William Matthews, William Riley, Edward Golden, Ephram Blackburn, Ebenezer E. Morgan, Thomas Early, Richard Weathers and James Vawinkle, twelve good and lawful men, who being elected, tried and sworn well and truly to try the issue joined, and true deliverance make between the State of Indiana and the

said defendant, McCullum, having heard the evidence and pleading, retired from the bar to consult, and after some time returned into court the following verdict, to-wit: We, of the jury, do find the defendant guilty of stealing a deep dish, as charged in the indictment, of the value of sixty-two and a half cents, and do further find that he returns the dish stolen and the value thereof, and two-fold the value thereof if the dish stolen be not restored; shall make his fine to the State of Indiana, for the use of Crawford county, to be rendered in the like sum of sixty-two and a half cents, and we do further find that he receives two stripes on his bare back. THOMAS PARR, *Foreman*.

It is very strange that no record can be found of the indictment, trial and execution of Ooley, but it is true. There is not the scratch of a pen in the records as to the trial. The only way that we account for its loss is the fact that it is very evident that the original records of proceedings were kept on loose paper. For this reason, we find an entry by the presiding judge himself in 1823, "that the clerk shall be relieved of making any full record of cases that had been tried prior to that term, (May, 1823), because he has not been provided with a book before that time." So it is supposed during the removal of the records, the history of this criminal trial was lost. We have been able to find two witnesses as to this execution. In the year 1819, Ooley killed

a man named Briley, at or near White Oak Hill, in the north part of the county. He was captured on Big Blue river and taken to Mount Sterling, tried for murder in the first degree, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged at that place. From the time of the trial, till the execution, he was kept near where Marengo now stands, in the old block house, there being no jail in the county at that time. The settlers guarded him, turn about, and on the day of his execution he was hauled in a cart to the gallows. When all was ready, the sheriff, Daniel Weathers, drove the cart out from under him and he swung into eternity. He was buried near the gallows. Robert Sharp, who still lives, witnessed the execution from the top of a beech bush. The first record of the Common Pleas Court of the county is as follows: "House of James Barker," December 7, 1818. This being the day for holding court for the county of Crawford, at the house of James Barker, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly passed at the first session of the Second General Assembly, entitled an act to attach the county of Crawford to the second circuit court, met; present, the Hon. Henry Green and James Glenn, Associate Judges. Jonathan Rice, Administrator of Isaac Edwards, returned into court an inventory and ordered it to be filed. Ordered that the court adjourn to Mt. Sterling. Mt. Sterling, December 7, 1818. Court met pursuant to adjournment, December 7, 1818. Ordered

that court adjourn until court in course. Henry Green and James Glenn, Judges. February term, 1819. February 15, 1819. This being the day appointed for holding the February term of the Crawford Probate Court. The court met at court house in Mount Sterling in said county. Present, the Hon. James Glenn, Associate Judge. Ordered that court adjourn until court in course. James Glenn, May term, May 17, 1819. This being the day appointed for holding the May term of the Crawford Probate Court, the court met at the court house in Mount Sterling, therefore present the Hon. Henry Green and James Glenn, Associate Judges.

At this term Nancy Cochran, administratrix of Nathaniel Cochran, deceased, returned into court her bill of appraisement. Ordered to be filed. Ordered that court adjourn until court in course. Henry Green and James Glenn, associate judges. First divorce case was brought by Andrew Mason against Clara Mason at the February term of court, 1819. Divorce was granted. All legal publications were made in the *Indiana Gazette*, published in the town of Corydon. The village of Mt. Sterling was the only one in the county at the time the commissioners selected it as the seat of justice. In a short time, however, the settlers turned their eyes toward the river as their best outlet, and it was thought best to remove the county seat to the river. Fredonia, laid out by General Thom, and Leav-

enworth, laid out by the Leavenworth brothers, went into competition for the honor. General Thom built a pretentious court house for that day, in the town of Fredonia and gave it to the county for its use, and owing to that fact Fredonia came out victorious. So the county seat was removed to Fredonia. The last term of court was held in Mt. Sterling, in October, 1821. There is no record of the removal that has been preserved. At the October term of the Circuit Court a seal was adopted for the county as follows: "Brass metal; on the outer edge, the words 'Crawford Circuit Court, Indiana,' are engraved, an eagle in the center with wings extended, having scale in the lower part of the eagle, with a flag from the eagle's mouth, with these words, *Lex et veritas.*"

The first term of court held at Fredonia began on March 18th, 1822. Hon. James Glenn, Judge. Although Fredonia succeeded in getting the county seat, her rival, Leavenworth, was not vanquished and in fact soon outstripped Fredonia in trade, population, etc. That in 1843 the county seat was removed from Fredonia to Leavenworth, where it still remains. In 1846, James Fields murdered his mother in the neighborhood of Milltown. He was arrested, tried, convicted and hanged in this county. He was convicted at the November term of court and executed on Dec. 18, 1846, at Leavenworth. Samuel Clark was the sheriff. Many are the amusing incidents told of the early litigants.

One told us by a friend was to this effect; Judge Lockhart fined a fellow and sentenced him to jail for twelve hours for assault and battery and ordered the sheriff to take him to jail. The sheriff, John Barnett, and the prisoner were good friends, so he told the prisoner to keep out of the Judge's sight and all would be right.

In an hour or two the Judge, looking out of the window, saw the prisoner pitching dollars in the yard, and, turning to Clerk, says: "Mr. Clerk, enter a fine of \$10 against the Sheriff. Mr. Coroner, you will please take charge of the Sheriff;" but, on looking over to where the Coroner sat, he saw that official was "too utterly full" to comply with his request, and, taking in the absurdity of the whole thing, he broke into a smile and ordered court to stand adjourned. The first marriage license was issued July 4th, 1818, to Joseph Bohall to wed Miss Sarah Milstid. They were married July 10th, 1818, by J. Newberry, Justice of the Peace. The following is a list of the County Clerks in the order of their service: Wm. Samuels began 1818; Ebenezer E. Morgan's term ended 1846; Samuel Sands, 1847; Wm. Mansfield, September, 1848; C. W. Kendall, 1853; Wm. A. Jackson, 1857; C. W. Kendall, 1859; James M. Lemonds, 1867; David G. Barnett, 1867; W. L. Seacat, 1871; W. L. Temple, 1875; Thad. P. Kelso, 1883; Wm. Shelby-Ross is the present clerk. The county was first laid off into five townships, afterwards increased to

seven. This number was increased to nine as follows: Jennings, Whiskey Run, Liberty, Sterling, Potoka, Johnson, Union, Ohio and Boone. Leavenworth, the present county seat, was laid off in 1818 by Zebulon and Seth Leavenworth. Wm. M. Wilber and Zebulon Leavenworth built the first cabins in 1818. In 1819 the first stores were opened by Z. Leavenworth and John L. Smith. The Methodists organized a society here in 1820 and in 1825 built a church. In 1820 the first school was established. A school-house was built the same year. Zebulon Leavenworth established a ferry across the Ohio at this place in 1820. Some of the early inhabitants were the Wilbers, Kendalls, Edwards, Phelps, Woodfords, Datsons, Sanerhebers and Coles. Leavenworth soon became a great trading point. In those early days vast numbers of steamboats plied the waters from Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Louisville to New Orleans. A great many flat boats were running also at that time. People had wood yards and sold to boats. Hoop-poles, lime, corn, pork and produce were shipped to the South. Leavenworth was the shipping point for Crawford, Orange, Dubois and part of Perry counties. People engaged in manufacture of barrels and lime, etc. Fredonia which is only three miles down the river never prospered on account of having no port and Leavenworth drew from the trade. Indian Hollow which is one mile west of Leavenworth was a favorite resort

of the Indians. It derives its name according to "Uncle Bob Sharp" from the fact that upon one occasion when the Indians were having a "Green Corn" dance at that point one of the Indians stepped in the fire and burned his foot very badly and running down the bank and into the river to cool his burn, his foot was caught between two roots, and his companions being pretty well under the influence of "firewater" not noticing him he was drowned. Since that, this has been known as Indian Hollow. First newspaper printed in the county was published at Leavenworth by Langdon in 1839. It was a ten by twelve inch folio, called "The Crisis." The first serious back-set Leavenworth received was the building of the Louisville and St. Louis Air Line Railway. This took from her a large amount of the trade from the northern part of the county. Since the opening of the road for traffic, Leavenworth has not done so much business as before, but it is still the best business point in the county. The county has always been torn up by its county seat fights. We have seen how Fredonia and Leavenworth combated for the place. Then after the removal to Leavenworth there was quietude until about 1875, when English made an attempt to remove the capitol to that place. After much litigation and bad feeling English was defeated. Marengo was the next town to make the attempt but she, too, failed. In 1884 Grantsburg made an attempt to get the prize. The removal

was granted by the board of commissioners but after an appeal and vexatious law suit the decision of the board was reversed. In 1886 English made another attempt, the law having been changed from petition to election, and after one of the closest and most exciting contests ever carried on in the county, she again failed. Marengo it now appears is marshaling her forces for another contest.

At present, an attempt is being made to change the law. It is generally conceded that, sooner or later, Leavenworth must lose the county seat. This prevents capitalists from investing, and tends to weaken her commercially. Another thing that has injured Leavenworth and crippled her to a certain extent, is the floods of 1882, 1883 and 1884. A great portion of the town is below high-water mark, and the unprecedented overflows of those three years, racked and destroyed a great many of the houses. Some were floated entirely away. The citizens were discouraged by these repeated disasters, but since five years have passed without bringing any recurrence of high-water, they have again taken heart. Leavenworth has a population of one thousand souls. The county buildings are getting dilapidated to some extent. There are a number of handsome residences, a spoke factory, two saw mills, one roller process flouring mill, two skiff factories, two churches, a town hall, a number of good business houses and four hotels. The "Old Fellows" have



an elegant two story building. A substantial brick school building costing some \$5,000. There are three newspapers: The *Crawford County Democrat*, published by Wm. Ellsworth and Son. It was established in 1879, and now has a circulation of 750. The *Crawford County Republican*, published by A. F. Funkhouser, was established in 1888. It has attained a good circulation. The *Saturday Hustler*, a small weekly published by Wm. Romaine.

MILLTOWN is a village of about 400 inhabitants, situated where the L. E. & St. Louis railway enters the county from the east, on Big Blue River. Here are the celebrated lime kilns of J. B. Speed & Co.

A large force of men are employed in these kilns. As its name indicates, it has a fine mill owned by Hostetter Bros. It has a good school building and two churches. Milltown was laid out in the year, 1839. It has never grown very rapidly. It is in the midst of a fine farming region and its citizens are, in a general sense, well to-do. Big Springs was laid out by David Stewart in 1839, D. M. Stewart's addition in 1859, M. T. Stewart's addition in 1856 and James M. Walts' in 1871. The first post office was called Tuckersville. It was changed to Proctorsville, where it was kept until 1851. A committee consisting of Dr. Mattingly, Hugh Taylor, Robert Walts, D. S. Tucker and M. T. Stewart was appointed to arrange for removing it. A new name being

necessary, Dr. Mattingly suggested the name of Marengo, which was adopted. The town is now known by the name of Marengo. An attempt is being made to incorporate it. Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison was the guest of David Stewart during his term of office as Governor. He cut his name on a tree, the stump of which stands in the Academy sugar grove. Marengo is thirteen miles from Leavenworth and thirty-six miles from Louisville. It is noted on account of the beautiful cave recently discovered which bears its name, and which has been already described in this pages. But that which has made Marengo the "Boston" of Crawford county is the Marengo Academy, founded and established by Prof. Jno. M. Johnson. His father, Wm. B. Johnson, emigrated to this State from Kentucky in 1821. He married Charlotte H. Pankey in 1822. Wm. B. Johnson was a pioneer school-teacher and commanded the enormous salary of one dollar a day and board. His son, John M., was bred to look upon education as ennobling to man. His father gave him a collegiate education, but the young man had to struggle to get through. He graduated at Bloomington, in perhaps 1852. He had, however, taught his first school in the year 1848, and introduced the first blackboard ever used in the community. The story of the founding and establishment of the Academy we tell in his own simple words: "Fate, or rather as I prefer to believe, a kind, beneficent all-wise Providence,

has confined almost my entire life's labor to Crawford county. After I graduated, Bishop Glossbrenner sent special word to me to go east and east in my lot with some of the eastern conferences, where, in his opinion, I could do as much good as in this far west, and would be better remunerated financially. I could see no way open for me to leave my native county, hence I did not go. I was invited to Illinois to teach, where teachers' wages were there said to be higher than here. I could not go. I was chosen a member of the Faculty of Hartsville University, now Hartsville College. I accepted; took one of Crawford county's best girls for a life-partner, and went; filled my place satisfactorily to those concerned. But I could not see the way open for me to stay. I came back. I went to Spencer county. Taught two five-months terms. All, so far as I know, were well pleased. I returned to Crawford. I was offered the principalship of a high school in Greene county, at a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, I to select my own assistant. I thought I would go. I spoke to a young lady to take the position of assistant, provided I made the arrangements to go. I never made them. I do not know why. An opening for a school that should be above the common school, and that would give young men and young ladies an opportunity for a higher education, developed in the town of Big Springs. I walked in. My cir-

culars were struck, stating when the "Marengo Graded School" would begin. As no person knew where Marengo was, for that was only the name of an obscure postoffice, I had to tell in my circulars that the "Marengo Graded School" would be in the town of Big Springs, Crawford county, Indiana. The school opened March 20th, 1869, in the house now occupied by Edward Mitchell, with sixty pupils in attendance. That session turned out three preachers, six physicians, four attorneys, and one who intended to study law, but died, and one who yet contemplates law; one surveyor, one trustee, and, to me, an unknown number of teachers. Four terms were taught in the old house. The fifth opened in the new Academy building, which took the name of "Marengo Academy." The school has been running for, within a few weeks, twenty years. Many young ladies and gentlemen have been helped to a better education than they ever could have gotten had there been no Marengo Academy. Board and tuition have always been cheap here. The school has tried to be the poor man's friend. Those with plenty of money can always go where they wish; those of only moderate means can come to Marengo on account of the cheapness. Those with no means have never been turned away, but they have been boarded and taught, and time given them to make the money, after they had received the education; enough to teach school or

engage in some other employment by which to make money to pay their board and school bills. Young men preparing for the ministry have been given their tuition at one-half of regular prices regardless to what denomination they might have belonged; the same half prices to the children of all ministers actively engaged in ministerial work. Owing to the short time allotted me for writing, only an estimate can be made of the number of those who have been educated wholly, or in part, at the Academy. The attendance has never been large, but often large enough for the good of those attending. There have been probably about two thousand different persons who have attended the Academy. Some of these are dead. Most of the living ones are honorably employed. Marengo Academy's students can be found in legislative halls, on the judges' bench, in the sacred desk, at the bar, in the sick-room, as physicians relieving the suffering, in the school-room teaching "the young idea how to shoot," and in every honorable calling or business common to our country. Long may it live to bless Crawford county, my own native county! I shall soon be numbered with the dead. May my memory live in the kind heart of some one or more, who has loved to linger within the Academy's consecrated walls!

MARENGO is, next to Leavenworth, the largest town in the county, with three mills, three churches, a public school building and various other

buildings and enterprises. It is a pushing place and has a bright future.

ENGLISH was laid out as Hartford in 1839. The name was changed when it was incorporated, to English. It was nothing more than a straggling little village with a few stores, grocery and blacksmith shop until the completion of the Air Line road. For a few years it grew rapidly but seems now on a stand still. It is celebrated on account of the "Hazlewood Sulphur Springs," which are situated one half mile north. This is a famous watering place. A large and commodious hotel stands in the midst of delightful grounds. There is a beautiful fountain in the yard and every known convenience is there. The building alone cost \$40,000. It is now owned and controlled by Dr. George R. Hazlewood. English has a population of some five hundred people or more; has one church, school building, some handsome residences and good business houses. One newspaper, "The English News," is published there. It was founded in 1886 and has attained a fair circulation—Taswell is a village of some two hundred people. It consists of school-house, hotel, blacksmith shop, business houses, etc., on the Air Line railroad, about seven miles west of English. It has grown up since the railroad was built and has about reached its zenith.

ECKERTY is a pretty little town, four miles west of Taswell, on the railroad. Laid out by Christopher Eckerty in 1873. It has a handsome church,

a good school building, one of the prettiest hotels in the county, a good "roller process" mill, and quite a number of good business houses. It is a neat clean little town with an appearance of thrift.

GRANTSBERGH was laid out in 1854. It now has a population of about two hundred. Has a few nice residences, business houses, nice church, school building, etc. Its proximity to English, only four miles away, and its not being on the railroad, tend to dwarf it. Its future prospects are not flattering.

ALTON is one of the prettiest towns in the county, is situated on the Ohio river about two miles from the western boundary of the county. It was founded in 1838. It, like Leavenworth, has suffered much from high waters. It has an elegant new school house, two churches, Methodist and Baptist, and a number of good business houses and residences. The Indiana Oak Mills are situated at the mouth of Little Blue river, at the edge of the town, and is the largest manufactory we have in the county. Alton is the nearest point on the river to the White Sulphur Well. It is about six miles from Alton, in one of the most romantic spots on earth. The well was sunk for petroleum, but instead, they struck this vein of sulphur water, equaling the famous White Sulphur Springs, of Virginia. Its medicinal properties are unexcelled. Large numbers visit it each year to drink the water and to bathe in it. There is a

large and commodious hotel at the place, owned by the Boyd Brothers. This is destined to be one of the greatest health resorts in the State. Plenty of the finest fishing and hunting is found in the neighborhood.

FREDONIA, as has already been said, never prospered. It has gone down to a country post office. The old houses are fast tumbling down and going to decay. In this town the first brick structure in the county was built. Wickliffe, Magnolia, Mount Prospect, Riceville, Temple and Pilot Knob are country villages and post offices. There is one thing that brought Crawford county to the front very rapidly, and that was the building of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railway. It runs through the entire length of the county from east to west, a distance of twenty-seven miles.

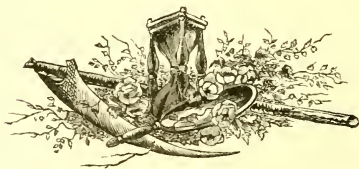
It opened up a market for her timber and stone and surplus productions and the north part of the county has made more rapid strides in the past eight years than in a quarter of a century before. There is now only one serious drawback to the county and that is the lack of good roads. In the summer the roads are fairly good, but in the winter they are impassable. There is plenty of material to build pikes throughout the county. With a proper effort a turnpike could be built from Leavenworth to Marengo; then were the roads leading to it properly worked the county would be in far better shape in this respect. Situated in what is called "The Pocket," of Indi-

ana, a region that became notoriously unsavory during the Rebellion as a hot bed of secession and "Knights of the Golden Circle," yet its people were loyal to a fault. Although "Bowles" came down to organize a few lodges of the Southern sympathizers, and while the county is on the border next to Kentucky where slavery was upheld, yet this county of Crawford sent more soldiers to the defense of the Union, than any county in the North in proportion to her population. Every family sent a husband, brother or father. There was loyalty among the hills and hollows, and many a home is saddened to-day because of the war. The county is justly proud of the part she took in the great struggle. The first regiment that received many troops from the county was the 17th Infantry. Jesse Goad became a captain of one of the companies. Dr. E. R. Hawn went out as second lieutenant. Soon after the 23d regiment was formed, and Crawford sent company "H," among whom were Captain Abbott, Lieutenants Jesse Fessler and W. H. Bullington. The next regiment that had any Crawford county men was the 1st Indiana Cavalry. Company "E" was made in this county. Among its noted men were Capt. Wilshire Sloan, Maj. Milton Clendenning and Major Wm. V. Weathers. In the 38th Infantry she sent Company "K," said to have been one of the bravest regiments in the army. Judge M. D. L. Gibbs, of Leavenworth, was a member. The next regiment was the 49th Infantry;

both Companies "F" and "K" formed in this county. Dr. E. R. Hawn became surgeon. Geo. W. Riddle went out as First Lieutenant and became Adjutant of the Regiment. Both of these gentlemen have their biographies in these pages. The latter still lives, and is one of the most famous of our living soldiers. For an act of daring bravery Gov. Morton made him Colonel of the 144th Regiment. He never knew fear and was the idol of his men. In the 50th and also in the 53d Regiments there was a company of Crawford county men. Company "G" of the 66th Regiment went from this county. John R. Land was Captain, and John Kemp, Lieutenant. In the 81st there was a company from this county. Some Crawford men in the 93d Regiment, Companies "D," "F" and "I" of the 144th Regiment were wholly or in part composed of men from this county. Also the 13th Indiana cavalry had one company commanded by Capt. Henry Clendenning from this county. Also Company "B," of the 24th Infantry. Capt. Charles Lamb's independent company of mounted scouts all from this county. James R. Clark was First Lieutenant. There were some scattering men in other regiments and we could mention a hundred men whose names are the synonyms of bravery, courage and devotion to the Union. Many are the anecdotes told by the boys who wore the blue. One told me by Col. Geo. W. Riddle will bear repeating as its truthfulness is vouched for

by the Colonel. Allen Johnson, who lives near Sulphur Well, belonged to the 49th Regiment and was detailed at Chickasaw Bayou, where the bullets flew like hail, to carry off the wounded. He picked up a fellow who had been shot through the foot, and just after he had slung him across his shoulder, a bullet from the enemy went through his head. As he was

carrying him along, Col. Riddle says "Why are you carrying off that dead man?" "He's not dead," says Johnson. "He *is* dead," replied Riddle. Johnson throwing the fellow down and perceiving that his skull was crushed, said, "Well, Colonel, he told me a lie, because he said he was only shot through the foot."



# FLOYD COUNTY.

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WHEN the first settlers came into what is now Floyd County, in 1804, there were but three counties in the territory now embraced in the State of Indiana. The county of Clark, which embraced all of the present Floyd county, was organized in 1801, and the counties of Knox and Dearborn were organized in 1802. At that period nearly all of that sub-division of the State known as Southern Indiana, was subject to incursions by war and hunting parties of the Indians of the Shawanee, Piankeshaw, Miami and Pottawatomie tribes; and the earliest settlers have left the record that they had also encountered in this part of the State straggling depredatory parties of the Delawares and Wyandottes. The Shawanees, however, were the original proprietors of this part of Indiana, and these warlike savages, of whom Tecumseh and his brother, The Prophet, were the chiefs, in the early years of the present century, and who organized them for the war of 1812 as the "Shawanees' League," into which all the northern

and many of the southern tribes were aggregated.

When the first emigrants came from Kentucky and made their homes on Knob Creek and near the present site of the little town of Georgetown, in the then county of Clark, the boundaries of that county were defined as follows: "Beginning on the Ohio river at the mouth of Blue river, thence up that river to the crossing of the Vincennes road, thence in a direct line to the nearest point on White river, thence up that river to its source and to Fort Recovery, thence on a line of the Northwest Territory to the Ohio, opposite the mouth of Kentucky river, thence with the meanders of the Ohio to the place of beginning." Out of this immense county there has since been formed the counties of Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson, Scott, Floyd, Harrison, Washington, Brown, Bartholomew, Shelby, Johnson, Marion, Hancock, Wayne, Randolph, Rush, Decatur, Orange, Martin and Lawrence.

The first persons to settle in Floyd

county were Patrick Shields and wife. They came into the county in the spring of 1804, and "squatted" upon a half section of land near the western border of the county, in Georgetown township, and near the town of Georgetown; Mrs. Shields being the first white woman to cross the range of hills known to the Indians as the "Silver Hills," but perverted by the pioneers into the more common-place and vulgar name of "The Knobs." At that time these high and beautiful hills were covered by a heavy growth of cane, and in these cane-brakes was the favorite resort of bear, panthers, deer, wild turkeys, and all the larger game. They were given the name of the "Silver Hills" by the Indians from the bright, silver-colored haze that hung upon their sides and crowned their summits. In after years Mrs. Shields, speaking of the emotions she felt on reaching the summit of these hills, said: "I was enraptured with the view. The Ohio river lay beneath us, and we had a view of it up, and down stream for many miles, as it glided peacefully on its course, looking like a broad ribbon of silver. Off to the southeastward five miles we could see the little town of Louisville, then regarded as the most sickly and unpromising of all the Ohio river settlements. It was evening and the roar of the falls floated to us on the still air with a music that filled my young heart with sad, but most enjoyable emotions. I looked away to the south-west where the Kentucky hills

reared their crowns like mountain peaks, and then we bade adieu to the charming landscape and plunged into the forest to seek a new home amid its wilds. I am the first white woman to look upon this fair panorama, and as I left its entrancement for the wilds yet unexplored, I felt that it was my farewell to civilization and unbidden tears filled my eyes, which, my husband discovering, I tried to conceal, and which he gently wiped away and gave me reassurance by kissing their stains from my cheeks. It was lonesome enough in our new home, but we both went to work with a hearty good will to build us a cabin, making our home in the covered wagon bed until it was completed. I now look back to those days of 1804 with supreme pleasure, for to me, with all their hardships, they were very happy." Mr. and Mrs. Shields long lived in their Hoosier home; but many years ago they passed away, honored and respected. The original Shields farm is still in cultivation, after eighty-four years from its opening, and produces abundant crops.

The next family to come into Floyd county was that of Robert La Follette. This family also came from Kentucky. They reached Floyd county in the autumn of 1804, and settled upon Government land on Knob creek, in Franklin township. Robert La Follette and his wife were a sturdy couple, possessing all the material to make them pioneers of a new country.



They were courageous and physically strong and healthy, of sterling integrity and distinguished for industry. They were poor financially, but rich in resources, and while they were often in great straits there never was a time when they were in want. Both were good shots with the rifle, and when other resources for provisions began to fail, either of them could take down the trusty rifle from its resting place on buckhorn brackets above the cabin door and speedily replenish the larder with a deer, a few wild turkeys and an occasional bear. Squirrels, while numerous, were considered too small game to waste costly ammunition upon. It was thirteen miles from their home to the nearest mill—Tarascan's Mill at Shippingport, and a journey "to mill" was attended by dangers. Mr. La Follette usually made this trip in a flat-bottomed, box-shaped skiff, rowing up the river near the shore to avoid the strong current. The trip homeward was much easier, for the skiff would float with the current at the rate of four miles per hour, requiring but little rowing and only guidance. On a cold day in the latter part of December, 1806, Mr. La Follette started in his skiff, with a sack of grain, to Tarascan's Mill. The weather grew colder steadily, and when he finally reached the mill the mercury was several degrees below zero and the river rapidly filling with floating ice. The next morning heavy ice filled the Ohio from shore to shore, and the sturdy

pioneer felt that he was cut off from home where his wife and baby were alone and unprotected. He determined to reach the Indiana shore, feeling a presentiment of danger to his family; but in his effort he was nearly drowned, his rescue from the ice being effected by several brave men at imminent peril. He could only wait for the river to close by ice, and this it did in a few days, as the weather grew intensely cold. As soon as he thought the ice would bear his weight he placèd his sack of corn meal in his skiff, which he pushed over the ice ahead of him till he came to Sand Island. Here he crossed over to the Indiana shore, hid his skiff in the undergrowth of bushes, and taking his sack of corn meal on his shoulders started for his home, which he reached by evening. He found his wife without provisions of any kind except meat, and almost without fire. She stated that on his second night from home two Indians had come to the cabin and tried to gain an entrance. She took down the rifle and carefully loaded it, and then placed her flax hackle near for use in an emergency. The Indians were ordered away, and she permitted them to see her rifle that they might know she was prepared for defense. She kept up a steady conversation as if with some one in the house with her, and in this way deceived the Indians, who left after an hour's stay in the vicinity of the house. They returned the next afternoon and begged to be admitted

and given something to eat, but Mrs. La Follette once more warned them away with her rifle and they disappeared over the hills and were seen no more.

It was in the year 1804, the date of the first settlement of Floyd county, that Gov. W. H. Harrison, of Indiana Territory, made the important "treaty of St. Louis" with the Delawares, Piankeshaws, Kaskaskias and Sacs and Foxes Indian tribes, by which accession over 50,000,000 acres of land was made to the United States, embracing the territory from the Ohio to the Wabash, and between the Illinois, Mississippi and Fox rivers. Other Indian tribes, however, claimed to own a portion of these lands, and in consequence continued their incursions into southern Indiana, the last one of which ended in the "Pidgeon Roost Massacre" by Shawanees, on the 3d of September, 1812. The settlement had been formed in 1809, and was in the present limits of Scott county. There were twenty-eight souls in all, men, women and children; of these all were murdered except four, Mrs. John Beadle and her two children, the brave mother escaping with her little ones in the darkness and walking six miles to the nearest settlement to give information of the terrible butchery; and a man named Collins. The alarm spread rapidly and within twenty-four hours the settlers had met as militia and started on the trail of the Indians, but failed to overtake them. Many of those killed were buried in their

cabins. This was the last Indian incursion into this part of Indiana, and in the pursuit of the murderous savages the two pioneers of Floyd county, Patrick Shields and Robert La Follette took part.

Among the first, if not the very first settlers in Lafayette township, were John and Nancy Chew, who came into the county in 1810. John Chew was a volunteer in the war of 1812, serving as a private soldier in Captain Spier Spencer's company of "Spencer Rifles," and fighting with his company in the battle of Tippecanoe on Nov. 7, 1811, this being one among the fiercest battles of the pioneer period, of Indiana; the loss of the Americans, commanded by Gen. William H. Harrison being 62 killed and 126 wounded, out of between 700 and 800 men engaged. The Indians, under Tecumseh and his brother, the Prophet, numbered 1300. Capt. Spencer and both his lieutenants, McMahan and Berry, of the "Spencer Rifles," were among the killed, and many of the privates of that gallant company were either killed or wounded. John Chew, however, who fought as bravely as any man in the battle, escaped unhurt. It may be stated in this connection, that the Indian name for Tippecanoe river, for which this famous battle is called, though fought on Burnet's creek, is "ketto-tippe-ce-nunk," which means "Buffalo Fish." The descendants of John Chew still reside in Floyd county.

In October, 1811, the first steamboat built on the western waters left

Pittsburg for New Orleans under the charge of Capt. N. J. Roosevelt, one of the company chartered by the Territorial Legislature of Indiana in December, 1810, as the "Ohio Steamboat Navigation Company." The incorporators were Daniel D. Tompkins, Robert R. Livingston, DeWitt Clinton, Robert Fulton and Nicholas J. Roosevelt. The boat descended the Ohio at the rate of about eight miles an hour, and arrived at Louisville, Ky., early in November, where it had to remain over a month for a sufficient rise in the river to enable it to pass over the falls. The passage of this steamer down the river caused great consternation among the scattered settlers, many of whom thought the hoarse noise of escaping steam through the escape pipes was caused by some fiendish spirit; others thought a burning comet had fallen into the river and produced the strange sounds and fiery emissions from the smoke stacks.

The great earthquake of 1811 followed soon after the arrival of this steamboat at the falls of the Ohio. The first shock was felt by the settlers in Floyd county on the 16th of December, and the shocks continued with more or less severity until the 21st of April, 1812, when the last one was felt. The pioneers of that day say they witnessed many changes during the periods of these earthquake shocks in the topography of the county. Many previously living streams of water disappeared entirely and their former beds are now overgrown with forests

or covered with cultivated fields. A pioneer of that period in Clark county states that he well recollects seeing the trees in that county in a perfect calm, move and interlock with each other as if they were agitated by a great tempest. The chimneys of the cabins of the settlers were thrown down, and in Louisville, Ky., it is stated, not a single brick chimney withstood the terrific shocks, and every brick house was so cracked and damaged as to be rendered unsafe. The people often spent the night in the open air from terror. Robert La Follette, the first settler in Frankiin township, Floyd county, says some of the shocks were so violent as to throw him and his wife from their feet in their cabin and cause great rocks to break loose from the strata in the highest hills and come down with a force sufficient to break down large forest trees that stood in the line of their fierce descent.

In the year 1805 the Territorial Legislature of Indiana passed an act incorporating Benjamin Hovey, Josiah Stevens, Davis Floyd and others to construct a canal around the falls of the Ohio on the Indiana side. The charter provided that the head of the canal was to be at Jeffersonville, and that it should end at or near the mouth of Silver Creek. It is a historic statement that Col. Aaron Burr assisted in obtaining this charter and was expected to assist in completing the canal. It is known that Col. Burr was at Jeffersonville and Vin-

cennes about this time, and that believing his objects to be laudable—many estimable citizens of the western country were ardent admirers of Col. Burr at the outset.

The first settlers in New Albany and Greenville townships, Floyd county, came in 1808. There was a ferry house at the present site of New Albany—a cabin—as early as 1804, but it was only used for the protection of people awaiting ferriage, and was not occupied as a residence until 1808. The first mill built in the county was located on Falling Run Creek, in the present northern suburb of New Albany. It was erected by Henry Jones, of Shelby county, Ky., in 1810, and washed away by a flood in the creek in the latter part of the year 1813.

The county of Floyd was organized in 1819, and is divided into five civil townships as follows: New Albany, Lafayette, Greenville, Georgetown and Franklin. It contains 150 square miles and the acreage of the several townships are: New Albany, outside the city, 19,511; Lafayette, 19,110; Greenville, 20,960; Georgetown, 17,220; Franklin, 15,150; total, 91,951. The county lies between the 38th and 39th degrees of latitude, and the 35th and 36th degrees of longitude, and possesses a most equitable, mild, delightful and healthful climate.

The county was named for Davis Floyd, a member of the Territorial Legislature in 1805 and afterwards a judge in Indiana and in Florida.

Judge Floyd, Col. R. A. New, the first Secretary of State for Indiana, A. Ralston, a prominent and enterprising citizen, and a number of others equally prominent in the territorial era of the State, became infatuated by Col. Aaron Burr and joined in his conspiracy, which was exposed by Gen. Wilkinson, and started with Burr on his treasonable expedition. After Judge Davis Floyd's return to Indiana from the expedition—it is said he was to have been one of Burr's principal officers—he was indicted for a misdemeanor, and on being convicted was sentenced to be imprisoned for half an hour. Judge Floyd afterwards became one among the most popular men in Indiana Territory, as there was a very strong feeling in the Territory at that time in favor of capturing Louisiana and the mouth of the Mississippi river from the Spanish government that then owned them.

The country immediately surrounding New Albany on the west and north is considerably broken by the range of hills. This hill region, however, is celebrated for its adaptability to the culture and production of fruits of all kinds grown in this latitude, and the lands are consequently valuable. Strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, currants, cherries, quinces, pears, peaches and apples are produced in great perfection on these uplands, the crops being large and the fruit of the finest quality and flavor. The annual fruit crop of the county averages about \$500,000. They produce also

good crops of corn, oats, wheat, potatoes and vegetables of all kinds, and are therefore very desirable. They are finely adapted to the thrifty growth of the vine, producing splendid crops of all varieties of grapes. After the hills are passed westward and northward, as fine farming lands as are to be found in the West spread out toward the south, west, central and eastern sections of the State, producing prolifically all the cereals; thickly settled, in a high state of cultivation, and possessing all the advantages of nearness to railroad lines and navigable rivers.

The timber of the county is varied: poplar, walnut, butternut, hackberry, sugar and soft maple, beech, elm, white, red, black and burr oak, honey locust, sycamore, hickory, mulberry, wild cherry, and chestnut are found in the forests. The rivers and creeks are the Ohio, Big and Little Indian, Silver Creek, Knob Creek, Middle Creek, Falling Run and Coon Creek.

While Floyd county possesses all the advantages of good schools, numerous churches, benevolent and secret societies, embracing in their scope nearly every Order, both native and foreign, it also offers to the emigrant all the attractions of good society. The people of the county are distinguished for their generous hospitality and genial social characteristics. There is no caste here founded upon birth, religion, or politics; and probably there is no county in the entire West of equal population, in which

there is so little of that contemptible aristocracy that has its only basis upon the possession of wealth. Men and women are not ostracised from society here because they may happen to be poor; but as a rule they are admitted into society upon their real merits in mental, moral and social culture, without regard to their worldly possessions. Among the foreign born portion of the population, and those whose parents, or one or other of them, were foreign born, there remains all the generous characteristic and social customs of the Fatherland, and these make the emigrant of the same nationality feel at home immediately upon coming among us. The native born citizens who come here from other sections of the Union will find all the advantages of the most refined society, and receive cordial welcome from the people of Floyd county.

Land in Floyd county varies in price and value according to location. On the Ohio river bottoms and along the creek valleys, land is of the best quality and is valued at from \$40 to \$150 per acre, the latter price for the best gardening lands. Lands on the hills are steadily enhancing in value by reason of their superior adaptability to fruit growing. Floyd county is famous for its strawberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, cherries and other small fruits, and all these grow to the highest perfection on the hill lands. The soil throughout the county is well adapted to corn, wheat, oats and grass, and many fine

horses, cattle, sheep and hogs are produced in the county.

The towns of Floyd county, besides New Albany, the county seat, are as follows:

MOORESVILLE, (Floyd Knobs post office,) Lafayette township, on the New Albany and Paoli turnpike, is pleasantly located on the south bank of Little Indian Creek, four miles north of New Albany, and contains several business houses, mechanical establishments, a fine public school building, a Christian church, and there is a large Catholic church a short distance east of the town. In a little cabin near Mooresville, while the Indians were yet in the country, a Catholic priest of the order of Jesuits, administered the rites of his church to the few scattered settlers and to the Indians. He was known to the Indians as "Black Gown." It was Father Minet, a missionary from the College of the Society of Jesus at Montreal, Canada. His long missions were made on foot and extended through the then wilderness from Detroit to Vincennes.

SCOTTSVILLE, Lafayette township, in the northwestern part of the county, contains a store, blacksmith shop, and a number of residences. At Mt. Eden church, near this town, is the headquarters of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, an anti-polygamous branch of the Mormon church. The conferences of the sect are held here and the church in Indiana was first organized here. Its membership is com-

posed of men and women of established moral character, devotedly religious, industrious and thrifty farmers and good citizens. Their methods of worship are not unlike those of the Methodists and Baptists in zeal. Their method of baptism is by immersion. There are good public schools at Scottsville.

GREENVILLE, in Greenville township, is located on the New Albany and Paoli turnpike, twelve miles north of New Albany. It is a flourishing business town, and next to New Albany, the largest town in the county as well as the oldest. Greenville came near being selected as the county seat. The County Commissioners proposed that the two contesting towns—Greenville and New Albany—for the county seat, must decide the location by their donations, the town making the largest and best donation to be the seat of justice for the county. The contest was a very animated one; but in the end New Albany bore off the prize, her citizens donating the four blocks of ground, each 120 feet square, at the four corners of Spring and State streets, besides money subscriptions, adding *a bell for the Court House*. The bell gift won the county seat for New Albany, and with the money obtained from the sale of the two blocks of lots at the southwest and northwest corners of State and Spring streets and the cash subscriptions, the first court house for the county was erected, and several years later, the jail. These two build-

ings long ago were torn away to give place to the present elegant court house, jail and sheriff's residence on the remaining two blocks of lots at the southeast and northeast corners of State and Spring streets. The loss of the county seat was a severe blow to Greenville, but her enterprising citizens pushed ahead and their town steadily improved. It now has a number of business houses, a fine mill, good school houses and schools, saw-mills, stave and cooperage factories, churches for the Methodists, Presbyterians and Christians; halls for the Masons and Odd Fellows, and is beautifully located and a very pleasant place of residence.

GALENA, Greenville township, is located on the New Albany and Paoli turnpike, has good schools, a Methodist and Lutheran church, a number of business houses and mechanical establishments, and a large and fine flour mill. The residences in the town are very neat and attractive in appearance. Galena is distinguished for its healthy location.

GEORGETOWN, Georgetown township, is a rapidly growing and very attractively located town, on the west side of the county, nine miles from New Albany. It has a number of thriving stores and mechanical establishments, churches of the Methodist, United Brethren and Baptist denominations, and a number of elegant residences and two good hotels. It is a station on the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis Railroad, and will with its

present growth soon be next to New Albany in population and business. It has halls for the Masons and Odd Fellows, and its schools rank among the best in the county.

NEW ALBANY, INDIANA—New Albany is the county seat of Floyd County, Indiana, and was laid out in 1813 by Joel, Abner and Nathaniel Scribner. The original plat of the town did not embrace more than one-third of its present area, the purchase of the Scribners amounting to but eight hundred and twenty-six and one-half acres. The land was purchased by the Scribner brothers of John Paul, who entered it at the Government Land Office at Vincennes. The lots were disposed of by public auction on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of November, 1813, and there was a stipulation in the advertisement of the sale that "one-fourth part of each payment upon the lots sold shall be paid into the hands of trustees, to be chosen by the purchasers, until such payments shall amount to five thousand dollars, the interest of which to be applied to the use of schools in the town, for the use of its inhabitants forever." This was the manner in which the Scribner High School of New Albany, was founded, which, through the lapse of fifty-nine years has flourished, and is now one among the most efficiently managed and prosperous high schools in Indiana. It is connected with the public schools of the city as the Colored High School. Provision was also made by the Scrib-

ners for lots upon which to erect churches, county buildings, and for a public park, all of which generous designs by the founders of the city have been fully carried out. In 1814 a large number of families removed to New Albany, and from that time forward, notwithstanding the nearness of Louisville, and the start that town had gained in population and business; the contiguity of Jeffersonville and Shippingport; and the laying off and settlement of Portland, on the opposite side of the Ohio, with the active competition these towns offered, New Albany had a steady and substantial, though not a rapid growth. On the 4th of July, 1839, New Albany was incorporated as a city; P. M. Dorsey being the first Mayor, Henry Collins the first Recorder, Hon. John S. Davis the first city Clerk, Edward Brown, Sr., the first Treasurer, David Wilkinson the first Collector of Taxes and City Marshal. The first Councilmen elected, in 1839, were Patrick Crowley, James Collins, Israel C. Crane, Edward Brown, Hezekiah Beeler, Samuel M. Bolin, Henry W. Smith, Randall Crawford, Absalom Cox, William Underhill, Preston F. Tuley, E. W. Benton.

The valuation of the property of the city for taxation in 1839 was \$1,760,735, and the rate of taxation sixty-five cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation. The population was 4,200. At this time New Albany was famous, as at present, for the healthfulness of her situation, and began to grow more rapidly; many important

establishments in mechanics and manufactures, steamboat building, and the mercantile interest having sprung up. In 1839 an eminent citizen of Boston visited the town, and wrote back to the leading newspaper of that day as follows: "The scenery from the hills surrounding this charming town is beautiful and grand beyond description, and cannot fail to entrance and enrapture the traveler. The wide expanse of country, the sparkling *La Belle Rivier*, winding tortuously on its course from a point ten miles distant up the stream to an equal distance below the city; the Falls with their never-ceasing yet musical roar; Jeffersonville and Louisville at their head; broad fields, crowned with the glories of the golden harvest, and forests wreathed in carmine tinted and yellow and green foliage; the 'Silver Hills' stretching away to the northeast, and intervening slopes and fields and densely wooded glens, with the river hills towering from four to six hundred feet skyward to the west, form a view of grandeur and beauty such as is nowhere else to be witnessed and enjoyed in Indiana."

In 1850 the population had increased to 8,181 and the increase in the material interests of the city was proportionately advanced: in 1860 the population was 12,000; and at the present time it is estimated at 30,000, and will not fall short of, but probably exceed that number; the population in the past years increas-



ing very rapidly by reason of the establishment here within that time of additional manufactories to those previously existing and the building of additional and important railroads.

There were no stirring incidents of importance in the early history of New Albany. It has had a quiet growth, and has ever been more celebrated for its moral, religious, and educational advantages, fine climate and good health, than as a "fast town," where vice is predominant and the temptations to youth numerous and alluring. In its religious, benevolent, and educational enterprises it has always held the rank of the first city of Indiana.

New Albany is situated in latitude 38 deg. 18 min. north, and longitude 8 deg. 49 min. west, two miles below the Falls of the Ohio, directly opposite the west end of Louisville. It is laid out upon a beautiful plateau, above high water mark in the Ohio, upon two benches or plains that sweep northward by a gentle rise from the river, with wide streets crossing each other at right angles. To the west and northwest is a range of hills from three to five hundred feet in height, known to the Indians as the "Silver Hills," from the peculiarly bright, smoky halo that ever hangs around and over them. These hills are crowned with grand old forest trees, or dotted here and there with neat and often elegant suburban residences, or farm houses. They add greatly to the beauty of

the city, giving it a most charming and romantic appearance. From these hills a magnificent view of New Albany, Louisville, Jeffersonville, the Falls of the Ohio, the great Ohio river bridge at the Falls, the Kentucky and Indiana bridge at the east end of New Albany, the far away hills that loom up in grandeur along Salt river, in Kentucky, the famous Muldraugh Hill of that State, the entire range of "Silver Hills" in Indiana for many miles, and a long stretch of river. A more grand and beautiful natural panorama is nowhere else unrolled in Indiana. This range of hills protects the city from storms, and such a thing as a hurricane is unknown at New Albany, while the violence of such storms not unfrequently falls with destructive force upon the neighboring cities of Louisville and Jeffersonville. These hills afford splendid building sites for suburban residences, and are especially celebrated for the superior quality and abundance of the peaches, pears, plums, apples, grapes, raspberries, strawberries and other fruits grown upon them. For the purposes of fruit culture the lands on these hills are in great demand. Nevertheless, they sell at remarkably low prices per acre. The city, to the west, along the line of the Ohio River, overlooks miles of rich and highly cultivated garden lands, while to the east and northeast, large and valuable farms meet the view.

Located in the center of the valley

of the Ohio, New Albany and the other cities around the Falls are destined to become the central cities, the commercial emporiums, and the manufacturing centers of the richest agricultural region on the continent. New Albany is in constant and easy communication with this vast region, which comprises seven states in its arena; and by means of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries, and her complete system of railroads, she has direct communication with twelve of the largest producing states of America. It requires no prophetic vision to see that these great states must become, if they are not already, the glory and strength of the nation. By rail and river, New Albany is directly connected with all the great cotton, sugar and rice growing states. By the same means of communication, she is connected with all the agricultural states of the west, northwest, and southwest, and sitting in the very center of the great Ohio basin, at the Falls of the Ohio river, and below these natural barriers to navigation, her geographical position is one which challenges superiority, or even equality, upon the continent. All the vast area we have named can be made to supply her manufactories, and feed them by its demand, as well as build up and sustain her commerce, mechanical establishments, and general trade. There is no denying the fact that the cities around the Falls of the Ohio occupy the

most eligible position in the West, both in relation to manufactures and commerce.

The following navigable rivers are accessible through the Ohio from New Albany throughout their vast ramifications without any necessity for transshipment of freights: Alleghany, Arkansas, Big Black, Barren, Big Sandy, Cumberland, Green, Grand, Hatchee, Illinois, Kentucky, Kanawha, La Mine, La Fouché, Missouri, Monongahela, Muskingum, Mississippi, Ohio, Obion, Osage, Red, Rock, Sunflower, Tennessee, Wabash, White and Yazoo. These rivers, without the bayous, give New Albany natural avenues of commerce and trade with fifteen States, and with three hundred and forty-six counties whose borders are directly washed by their waters, having a population of 11,000,000 souls. The cash value of the farms of this population in 1880 by the census was \$1,001,562,648; of farm products, \$1,019,876,412; of live stock, \$989,301,721. This is but a portion of the wealth of the sections penetrated by the navigable rivers to which New Albany is accessible.

With the grand railroad system that centers here, New Albany is bound to become, within a very short time, the most important shipping point on the Ohio river below the Falls. Freights from the east, southward bound, are brought here by rail for re-shipment by boat southward; while freights from the south, the great staples of tobacco, cotton, sugar, and molasses, in partic-

ular, are brought here by boat for re-shipment east and north. This gives to New Albany an immense commercial advantage, which will continue to increase each year as the prosperity of the south becomes more fully developed and permanently established. It will add, too, very largely to the wealth and importance of New Albany, as this city will not only become noted as a re-shipping point, but by the very force of circumstances, not to mention the well-known enterprise and energy of her citizens, will become equally noted as a place for the interchange of the commodities, agricultural and manufactured, of the two sections of the Union. The city is located upon the verge of both sections, and will become a great *entrepot* to the trade of both.

The river trade of New Albany will compare favorably with that of any western city of equal population. The Secretary of the United States Treasury gives the river trade of the city for 1875 as twelve millions of dollars; for 1880, as thirteen million five hundred thousand dollars; for 1886, as fifteen millions of dollars. Here, of itself, is an immense trade; but to this is to be added the railroad, manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile, live stock, and produce, and general trade of the city, and not least, by any means, its coal and other mineral trade.

New Albany is destined to become a great railroad center. Her natural advantages of location are highly

favorable to this. The city is now the terminus of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago; the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis; the Louisville, Evansville, and St. Louis; and the Ohio and Mississippi Railroads. These roads connect New Albany with all sections of the Union, north, south, east and west, giving her railroad advantages possessed by few cities in the west.

New Albany is united to Louisville by the magnificent iron bridge that spans the Ohio River at the Falls. Trains cross this bridge from New Albany and Louisville every twenty-five minutes, and so great is the travel by this route between the two cities becoming, that it will be but a short time until the trains are run oftener. This bridge is a fine structure and was built at a cost of over two millions of dollars. The Kentucky and Indiana bridge spans the Ohio River between the east end of New Albany and the west end of Louisville, is of steel cantilever spans, and cost \$1,500,000. It has tracks for steam cars, street railroad, vehicles, and footmen, and trains run over it between Louisville and New Albany every twenty-five minutes. These two bridges virtually make Louisville and New Albany one city in interest, if not in identity. New Albany and Louisville are also united by a line of first class steam ferry-boats, owned by the New Albany and Portland ferry company, which make their trips every ten minutes, and have immense power

and carrying capacity. These ferry-boats connect on the Louisville side with two lines of street railroad, that carry passengers to all parts of Louisville for five cents. The cost of ferryage is five cents to footmen, making the cost of a trip from New Albany to the extremest point in Louisville only ten cents. The fare charged on the J. M. & I. railroad, by way of the bridge at the Falls, from New Albany to Louisville is but five cents, and by way of the K. & I. bridge but ten cents, the latter including street car fare in New Albany, and commutation tickets may be purchased by both the railroad and ferry routes at a reduction on these low rates. Thus a person may reside in New Albany and do business at Louisville at very slight cost and no inconvenience, and vice versa; considerations of much importance to those who may desire to engage in business at Louisville, but are deferred by the high rates of rent and value of residence property in that city, and the high rates of taxation there on this description of property.

While New Albany is well provided with river navigation and railroads, her citizens have not been unmindful of their connections with such portions of the interior as are inaccessible by river or rail. With a liberal enterprise that has always been a characteristic of her wide-awake people, they have provided excellent turnpikes in several directions, that give the citizens of the country and neigh-

boring towns facilities for reaching the city, and afford splendid drives for those having the leisure and inclination to take advantage of these well-paved roads. The law of the State is very favorable to such improvements, providing that the lands benefited by them may be specially taxed to aid in their construction. New Albany is now connected with all the adjoining counties by turnpikes.

New Albany has, according to her population, the greatest number and length of paved streets and sidewalks of any western city. The total number of miles of paved streets, sidewalks and alleys is, as near as it is possible to arrive at them without actual measurement, about forty-eight. These forty-eight miles of paving, are laid down in the most substantial manner, upon the macadam plan, on the streets and alleys. The material used in macadamizing the streets and alleys is a very durable, light colored limestone, which after use becoming upon the surface nearly solid, with but few breaks. This paving is as cheap as it is durable, as the stone from which it is constructed exists in inexhaustible supply within a few miles of the city. The sidewalk paving, for the greater part, is done with brick made in the vicinity of the city, and which is of very superior quality, the clay soil north, east and west of the city being finely adapted to brick-making, the brick being equally valuable for building purposes as for paving, and being

purchasable at comparatively very low prices.

New Albany has a system of public market houses, built at the expense of the city, and rented to butchers, hucksters, gardeners, fruit growers and dealers and others, at low rates. These are a great public convenience, and they are kept scrupulously clean by a market-master elected by the city council. All these market houses are inclosed, with broad porches overhanging, and the floors and walks paved with brick. There are two of these public markets in the city, in which daily markets are held, and as a result New Albany is daily supplied with the best marketing the rich and highly cultivated country surrounding it can provide. This keeps the price of living down to comparatively cheap rates.

New Albany leads all the cities of Indiana in the number and extent of her manufactories, the amount of capital invested and the number of persons employed. The W. C. DePauw Company Glass Works, for the manufacture of plate glass, window glass, fruit jars and bottles, is the largest establishment of the kind in the United States, employing over 1,500 persons, and with a capital of \$1,500,000. Immense Woolen Mills, Cotton Mills, Hosiery Mills, Cotton Batting Mills, Structural Iron and Rail Mills, Merchant and Bridge Iron Mills, Railroad Axle and Car Iron Mills and Forge Works, Stove Works, Furniture Factories, Machine Works and Found-

ries, Brass Foundries, Steam Boiler and Sheet Iron Works, Flour Mills, Breweries, Tanneries, Planing Mills and Sash, Door and Blind Factories, Smitheries, Carriage and Wagon Factories, Broom Factories, Spice Mills, Fertilizer and Glue Factories, Car Works and Railroad Machine Shops, Saw Mills, Bent Wood Works, Handle Works, Marble Works, all these are among her industries, employing in the aggregate over 5,000 persons and with an aggregated capital of about \$10,000,000. The annual output of these factories is, in value, not far from \$20,000,000.

The mercantile, mechanical, grain, live stock and produce business of the city is very largely represented in establishments, capital and employes, the city being in her material interests exceedingly prosperous and with an outlook of rapid growth in population and wealth in the future.

While New Albany makes no pretensions to special prominence as a wholesale market, her citizens, nevertheless, need not be ashamed of the showing she can make in this department of business. Her wholesale merchants are gentlemen of enterprise, wealth, and liberality, and all of them carry large stocks, excellently assorted, for the trade of the surrounding country, and sell goods to merchants of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky. There are in the city wholesale establishments in dry goods, notions and variety goods, millinery goods, hats, caps and furs,

boots and shoes, groceries, drugs, books and stationery, hardware and cutlery, stoves, tin, copper and sheet iron ware, iron and nails, railroad supplies, crockery and glassware, house furnishings, confectionery goods, wines and liquors, cigars and tobacco, furniture, salt, agricultural implements and seeds, saddlery and harness, provisions and produce, and all these are now doing a prosperous business. Their aggregate sales will amount to not far from ten millions of dollars per year. There are a number of as elegant and well-supplied retail dry goods, drug, variety, millinery, jewelry, books and stationery, boot and shoe, hat and cap, and grocery and provision stores, in New Albany as can be found in any city of equal population, and these will sell annually not far from five millions of dollars of goods.

Very few cities of equal proportion can boast of more or better mechanics, engaged in more varieties of occupation, than New Albany. All the trades are fully represented here, and all are flourishing. There is probably not a city in the country of even one-third more population, that can show as many mechanics and laboring men owning their own houses. This is a notable feature of the city, and one that is the subject of frequent and gratifying reference. It speaks more loudly in favor of New Albany as a desirable residence for industrious and frugal mechanics and laborers than anything we could write. There are many large real estate dealers in the

city who will sell desirable homes for mechanics and laboring men at low figures, and on monthly or annual payments in small sums.

The advantages New Albany possesses in being a county seat are not the least of her many advantages; as this alone brings to the city daily, people from all parts of the county, compels the holding here of all the courts, and the location in the city of all the county offices and county officers. The county offices are all upon the first floor of the magnificent court house, all of them fire-proof, and provided with vaults in which to keep the county and court records in safety. The local legislation of the county is transacted by a board of three county commissioners, the meetings of which convene on the first Mondays in December, March, June and September. The county officers are as follows: Clerk, Henry R. W. Meyer; Auditor, Robert W. Morris; Treasurer, Levi H. Scott; Sheriff, Jacob Loesch; Recorder, Charles W. Schindler; Assessor, William D. Richardson; Coroner, Dr. Starr. The Township Trustee, John Halm, who is also Township Librarian and Poor Overseer, has his office in the court house. All transactions relating to the county finances, the courts, taxes, roads, etc., are carried on by the county officials at the county seat. It will therefore, be seen that New Albany gains advantages as the county seat which the city would not otherwise possess.

It may not be improper in this place to mention one fact that is greatly to the credit and advantage of New Albany. When the Scribners founded the city they provided most liberally for the endowment of a high school, churches, and other moral and enlightened enterprises. Descended from good families themselves, they highly prized the advantages of good society—society controlled by high moral purposes, and enlightened and refined by education and the influences of the highest civilization. Their efforts to establish good society in New Albany were crowned with signal success, and their good works live after them to bless and forever keep green their memory. New Albany, since its first settlement, has been distinguished for the morality and refinement of its citizens, and for the religious and educational advantages it offers those who come to settle in it.

The third year after the town was laid out, a church was started; not in a splendid building, with sky-piercing spire, frescoed walls and grand organ, but in an humble cabin of logs, and from this sanctuary of the grand old forests, the song of praise to God was raised which has never died out in New Albany. This was a Methodist church, dedicated November 25, 1817, and in December of the same year the First Presbyterian church of New Albany was organized. It was thus that society in

this city was first shaped in its tastes, its refinement and geniality; and with the crowning glories of religion, and the highest morals to bless it, has continued ever since. And this is general throughout the city, instead of being exceptional to neighborhoods, as in most cities. The excellent society at New Albany will always continue to be one among its chief attractions.

The city government is administered by a Mayor and Board of Common Council. The city is divided into six wards of nearly equal population and each ward is entitled to two members of the Common Council. One half the Common Council is elected annually; while the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Marshal are elected every two years. The present officers of the city are as follows: Mayor, Hon. John J. Richards; Treasurer, Samuel M. Weir; Clerk, Robert Kraft; Marshal, Louis Hipple, Attorney, Charles D. Kelso; Engineer, Frank M. Sweeney; Chief Engineer Fire Department, Charles Matthews. The Council meets on the first and third Mondays of each month and the Mayor is the president of the body. The Council annually elects twelve policemen and one chief of police to guard the city and bring violators of its ordinances to justice. The City Marshal has police and constabulary powers, and is the superior police officer of the city. There is a police court for the administration of municipal justice, of which his Honor, the

Mayor, is the judge, and which meets daily, except Sunday, at nine o'clock in the forenoon. The city also has a Board of Health, a Board of School Trustees, and three Justices of the Peace.

The banking facilities of New Albany are ample, as the following consolidated statement of the four National banks of the city on the 10th day of October, 1888, will show :

*Resources.*—Loans and discounts, \$1,276,612.15 ; overdrafts, secured and unsecured, \$5,550,041 ; U. S. bonds to secure circulation, \$200,000 ; other stocks, bonds and mortgages, \$41,707.78 ; due from approved reserve agents, \$117,646.74 ; due from other National banks, \$36,479.95 ; due from State banks and bankers, \$12,766.51 ; real estate, furniture and fixtures, \$48,000 ; current expenses and taxes paid, \$3,622.79 ; checks and other cash items, \$1,037.35 ; premiums paid, \$2,593.75 ; bills of other banks \$3,060 ; fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, \$99.18 ; specie, \$30,831.80 ; legal tender notes, \$57,203 ; redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent. of circulation, \$9,000. Total resources, \$1,846,211.04.

*Liabilities.*—Capital stock paid in, \$700,000 ; surplus fund, \$210,000 ; undivided profits, \$116,509.71 ; National Bank notes outstanding, \$180,000 ; dividends unpaid, \$1,245 ; individual deposits subject to check, \$610,342.09 ; demand certificates of deposit, \$1,993.70 ; due to other Na-

tional banks, \$20,115.70 ; due to State banks and bankers, \$6,004.84. Total liabilities, \$1,845,211.04.

The New Albany Banking Company, operating under State laws, and having no circulation, has a capital of \$400,000 and does a very large banking business, being one among the oldest and most substantial banking houses in the city. It was formerly the Bank of Salem and was organized and principally owned for many years by the late Hon. W. C. DePauw.

The public buildings of New Albany are the county court house, a magnificent structure in the Corinthian style of architecture, costing \$130,000 ; the New Albany opera house is a fine structure, costing \$90,000 ; the U. S. post office and court house, the most attractive in its architecture of any Federal building in Indiana, and costing \$106,000 ; the city hall, an attractive building, in which are the city offices, council chamber and police stations ; elegant passenger and freight depots of the J. M. & I. railroad, and fine passenger depots and offices of the L. E. & St. L. railroad, the O. & M. railroad, the K. & I. Bridge Daisy railroad, and the L. N. & A. & C. railroad. There are a number of public halls, including the Casino theatre, The People's theatre, Turner Hall, Maennerchor Hall and Vernia's Hall. There are besides these, fine halls for the Masonic Fraternity, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights and Ladies of Honor, and other secret benevolent orders.



Among the charitable institutions of the city are "The Associated Charities," a grand institution including a pharmacy, hospital, lodging rooms, lunch rooms, etc., for the poor, who may be ill or in want. This grand charity was founded by the late Hon. Washington C. DePauw, one of Indiana's most noted and liberal Christian philanthropists, and its endowment was provided for in his will. Mr. DePauw's memory will be kept in the hearts of the citizens of New Albany, and they will always refer with pride to the fact that he was a citizen of this city. During his useful life he was always eminently a wise and liberal philanthropist, and the "Associated Charities" of New Albany, with its comfortable appointments of cleanly rooms, parlors, reading and sitting rooms, bath rooms, and other conveniences, is only a moiety of his benevolent work in New Albany. When he died, the churches, the poor, the city lost a true friend. He left by will \$1,500,000 to DePauw University and over half a million to other charities of the M. E. church.

The Old Ladies' Home is an institution founded by Mr. William S. Culbertson, one of New Albany's millionaire citizens. It is a splendid building in a fine location on Main street, built, furnished and endowed by Mr. Culbertson as a home for worthy widows. It is an honor to the city—an honor to its founder and supporter.

Cornelia Memorial Orphan's Home,

on Kin Avenue, also built by Mr. W. S. Culbertson. It is a large and elegant building, well furnished and under control of a Board of Managers. The county pays to this institution about \$3,000 per year, to cover the board of the inmates, at a nominal sum per week each.

The County Asylum is a large and fine two-story brick building, located upon a farm of two hundred and forty acres, two miles north of the city. The building has a large number of rooms, all well furnished and kept scrupulously clean. A large dining room and cook room are attached, and there are bath rooms for both males and females. A large frame building near by is used as an asylum for the incurably insane. The residence of the Superintendent and his family is separate from the Asylum buildings. At this institution, the poor find asylum and support, the entire expense being borne by the county, the money for the purpose being raised by taxation. An average of about sixty persons are constant inmates of this institution.

The county jail and police station house are the only penal institutions of the city or county. The jail is attached to a fine residence building, which is occupied by the sheriff of the county, who is also the jailer.

It has long been the pride and boast of the citizens of New Albany, that this city has the best and most successful system of public free schools of any city in Indiana. Their claim

in this regard is well founded, as the carefully collated official statistics of the schools will show. There are in the city ten elegant and very large brick school buildings, and two frame school buildings. The value of these buildings is about \$175,000, and they furnish accommodations for fully three thousand pupils. Ten of the buildings are used for the primary, intermediate and grammar schools, and one as a high school for whites, and one as a high school for colored pupils. The system of grading is a most perfect one, and works admirably and efficiently. *Tuition is absolutely free* in all departments, and the pupils who pass all the grades and graduate through the High School, receive a thorough English and scientific education, and are competent for any department of business, or for study for any of the professions. The city has three school-houses for the colored inhabitants of the city, who have the same rights to admission into their own schools as the whites have into theirs—the same law governing both. Fifty-five white and five colored teachers are employed in these public schools, while the average attendance of pupils is about 2,800. The annual cost of the schools is not far from \$55,000, and the total number of school children in the city entitled to the privileges of the schools is 8,130. The schools are managed by a Board of three School Trustees, elected by the City Council, which secures to them permanency and the best educa-

tors in the way of teachers. These public schools afford the poor man, the mechanic, laborer, and small dealer or trader, superior facilities for giving their children an excellent education free of all expense, so that no man who lives in New Albany can have the least excuse for permitting his sons and daughters to grow up in ignorance. It is doubtful if a better system of public free schools can be found in any section of the Union than the one now in operation, with the most eminent success, at New Albany.

DePauw College for Young Ladies, is the name of an institution that is the property of the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. This college occupies one of the most pleasant and commanding situations in the most beautiful portion of the city of New Albany. This city has long enjoyed a high reputation for its educational advantages, as well as for the high moral and religious tone of its inhabitants. It is noted for its healthfulness, and is accessible in all directions by various railroads and by the Ohio river. The College building, originally erected for a ladies' boarding school, has been enlarged and improved within the past few years at an expense of nearly \$20,000.

St. Mary's Female Academy is a first-class institution, under the care of the Sisters of St. Francis (Catholic). The building is one among the largest and best adapted educational edifices in the State, having accommodations





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for 800 pupils. All the branches of a thorough and accomplished education are taught, including music, the modern languages, painting, needle-work, flowers, etc. There is probably no better Catholic academy in the West than St. Mary's, and it is the pride of the Catholics of southern Indiana.

Besides those schools already named, there are five Catholic parochial schools; a German Protestant parochial school; and seven private schools. Add these private and parochial schools, colleges and academies to the grand system of *public free schools*, and it will readily be seen that the educational advantages of New Albany are unrivaled.

WASHINGTON C. DEPAUW. In the space allowed by the plan of this work it is impossible to do justice to the memory of this remarkable man. Yet we have decided that it is appropriate that a record of the salient points of his life should be made in the historical portion of this volume.

Washington Charles DePauw was born in Salem, Washington county, Ind., on the 4th day of January, 1822. As the name indicates Mr. DePauw was a descendant from a noble French family; his great grandfather, Cornelius, having been private reader to Frederick II., of Prussia, and author of several works of note.

Charles DePauw, the grandfather of W. C. DePauw, was born at the city of Ghent, in French Flanders. When

he arrived at a proper age he was sent to Paris to complete his education and there became acquainted with La Fayette. At that time the struggle for American independence was just beginning. He became infatuated with the American cause, joined his fortunes with those of La Fayette and sailed with that renowned commander to this country. He served throughout the war, and by the close, became so thoroughly imbued with a love for America that he sought a wife in Virginia; thence he removed with the first tide of emigration to the Blue Grass regions of Kentucky.

In that State, General John DePauw, the father of W. C. DePauw, was born. On arriving at man's estate he removed from Kentucky to Washington county, Indiana. As an agent for the county, he surveyed, platted and sold the lots in Salem, and purchased four acres of the high ground on the west side, upon which the family mansion was erected.

He was, by profession, an attorney-at-law, and he became a judge. He was also a general of militia. No man in his day enjoyed more of the confidence and good-will of his fellow-men than General John DePauw.

His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Batist (the mother of W. C. DePauw), was a woman of superior mind and a strong and vigorous constitution. She died in 1878, at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

At the age of sixteen, Mr. DePauw

was thrown upon his own resources by the death of his father. He had only the meager education which that period, and the surrounding circumstances would allow his parents to give; but, though young, he desired to be independent of friends and relatives, and accordingly set to work. He worked for two dollars a week, and when that was wanting he worked for nothing, rather than be idle. That energy and industry, allied with character and ability bring friends, proved true in his case. Dr. Elijah Newland, the leading physician of Salem, became interested in the young man and through him, at the age of nineteen he entered the office of the County Clerk, and by his energy and faithfulness he gained confidence and soon had virtual control of the office. When he attained his majority he was elected clerk of Washington county without opposition; to this office was joined by the action of the State Legislature, that of Auditor. Mr. DePauw filled both of these positions until close application and the consequent mental strain, impaired his health; after several prostrations and through fear of apoplexy, he acted on the advice of his physicians and gave up his sedentary pursuits; his extraordinary memory, quick but accurate judgment and clear mental faculties fitted him for a successful life.

His early business career was like his political one; he was true and faithful and constantly gained friends. His first investment was in a

saw and grist mill, and this proving successful he added mill after mill; with this business he combined farming, merchandising and banking, at the same time investing largely in the grain trade. It is hardly necessary to state that he was fortunate in each investment; and his means rapidly increased until, at the breaking out of the war he had a large mercantile interest and two well-established banks. He was at the same time one of the largest grain dealers in the State of Indiana, and his knowledge of this trade, and his command of means rendered him able to materially assist in furnishing the Government with supplies. His patriotism and confidence in the success of the Union armies were such that he also invested a large amount in Government securities. Here again he was successful, and at the close of the war had materially augmented his already large fortune.

Mr. DePauw used his wealth freely to encourage manufactures and to build up the city of New Albany; he made many improvements, and was largely interested in the rolling mills and iron foundries in that city. He became proprietor of DePauw's American Plate Glass Works, at the present one of the largest and most important in the world. It is a new and valuable industry and the interests of our country require that it should have reached the success it has; it is a National concern that American glass should surpass in quality and take the

place of the French article in the markets of the world.

Mr. DePauw did everything in his power, while living, to promote this great end, and at present everything points to the success of the undertaking. He had, before his death, about two millions of dollars invested in manufacturing enterprises in the city of New Albany.

At the death of Mr. DePauw, his sons, Newland T. and Charles W. DePauw, succeeded to the places held by their father in the manufacturing enterprises of New Albany, which positions they fill with rare executive ability, combined with a thorough business training given them by their father. Mr. W. C. DePauw took but little part in State affairs for many years, having devoted the latter part of his life to his business and home interests, to the advancement of education and religion. He was often forced to decline positions which his party were ready to give him, and in 1872 he was assured by many prominent Democrats that the nomination for Governor was at his disposal.

In the Convention he was nominated for Lieutenant Governor. In order to show the purposes and character of the man, let us quote a few words from his letter, declining the nomination. "My early business life was spent in an intensely earnest struggle for success as a manufacturer, grain dealer and banker. Since then, I have found full work in endeavoring to assist in promoting the relig-

ious, benevolent and educational advantages of Indiana, and in helping to extend those advantages to the south and west. Hence I have neither the time nor inclination for politics. In these chosen fields of labor I find congenial spirits, whom I love and understand. My long experience gives me hope that I may accomplish something, perhaps much, for religion and humanity."

These are noble words and was a true index to Mr. DePauw's character. He expended thousands of dollars in building churches and endowing colleges and benevolent institutions throughout this, and the neighboring States; he assisted many worthy young men to obtain an education, and founded and kept in operation DePauw College, a Seminary of a high order, for young ladies at New Albany.

He was for many years a trustee of the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, and was, later, a trustee of the Indiana Asbury University, the leading Methodist College of the West. He was long a member of the Methodist church and served as a delegate of the Indiana conference at the general conferences of that church in 1872 and 1876. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders and was loved and respected by both. The part of his life most satisfactory to himself is that which was spent in his work for Christ in the church, in the Sunday school, in the prayer

meeting, and in the everyday walks of his life.

He was, throughout his life, a thorough business man, full of honesty and integrity. He sought a fortune within himself and found it in an earnest will and vast industry. He was eminently a self-made man, and stands out pre-eminently to-day, as one who, amid the cares of business, preserved his reputation for honesty, integrity and morality; who never neglected the cause of religion, but valued it until the day of his death above all others.

He was a good citizen as well as a successful business man. He was a devoted husband and affectionate father, and, in fact, faithfully discharged all the duties of the various stations in life which he was called to fill. He was a man of unbounded charity, and the benefactions provided in his last will and testament will endure for all coming generations. To DePauw University, at Greencastle, Ind., his bequests will aggregate \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, placing the institution in the list with the most noted educational establishments of America.

To the M. E. Church Extension Society he bequeathed \$100,000, and to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church he gave \$100,000. He bequeathed DePauw College for Young Women, at New Albany, to the Indiana Conference of the M. E. Church, to be used as an educational institution, or as a home for the worn-out ministers

of the M. E. Church and their widows, setting apart a sum sufficient to support it.

He founded and endowed "The United Charities," at New Albany, which is a hospital, a pharmacy, and a temporary home for the worthy poor and afflicted.

He gave a large sum to the Y. M. C. A., of New Albany, and to the State Association, and bequeathed \$10,000 to Indiana M. E. Conference Preachers' Aid Society, giving it \$20,000 during his life. His total charities and educational bequests will aggregate \$2,000,000.

Of Washington C. DePauw it can be well and truthfully said, "He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him." His memory will be long held in sweet remembrance by the poor of New Albany, to whom his life was a benediction.

What nobler monument can a man have, than to be enshrined in the hearts of his neighbors and the community he lived to bless? Such is the monument wherein lies the grand and good deeds of this grand and good man, and where they will live in perennial freshness forever. *Requiescat in pace.*

New Albany may justly be termed the city of churches. Ever since the city was founded, it has been distinguished for the religious character of its citizens and its church privileges. The first religious meeting held in the city was under the auspices of the Methodists. It was held in a little



log cabin, in which spruce beer and ginger cakes were sold by a widow woman named Reynolds, and the meeting was brought about in a very singular manner. A gentleman named Elam Genung started out one moonlight evening, after the day's labor had ended, to take a walk in the forest, in the midst of which the few cabins that then constituted the town were built. He heard the widow lady, who kept the cake and beer shop, singing a (to him) familiar religious hymn. He was attracted by her sweet voice to the cabin, and as he entered it she ceased singing. He requested her to repeat the hymn, and as she did so joined with her in singing it. At its close he asked her if she was a church member. She replied she had been in the East, before she came to Indiana Territory, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. "I, too, was a Methodist before I came here," replied Genung, "let us pray." The singing had drawn a dozen or more of the settlers to the cabin and had touched every heart by its sweet tenderness, waking memories of homes far away in the East, and religious privileges that were held dear and sacred, and when prayer was proposed all entered the cabin and there, under the giant trees, the silver moon pouring down a flood of mellow light over the scene, the first public prayer was offered in New Albany. One who was present at that meeting says of it: "It was an occasion to be remembered for a long lifetime, for God came down among us

in his first temples, the trees, and all were blessed." There is but one survivor of that first religious meeting in New Albany, and her feet are still traveling the "straight and narrow pathway" she that night, now more than seventy years ago, found it so pleasant to walk in. At the close of this meeting, another was announced for the night of the same day in the following week. At that meeting a Methodist class was formed, and this continued to meet until June 20, 1817, when the Methodist Episcopal Church was regularly organized in New Albany, by Rev. John Shrader, and the first sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by him in a hotel, kept by a widow lady named Hannah Ruff. On November 25, 1817, the first Methodist church in the town was dedicated by Rev. John Shrader. There are now in the city eight Methodist church buildings, two of them Methodist Missions. The next church organized here was the First Presbyterian. The organization was effected on the 7th of December, 1817, with nine members. The first meeting was held in Mrs. Scribner's residence, being now a portion of what is the Carpenter Hotel—formerly High Street House. The first communion of the Presbyterian Church, of New Albany, was solemnized on the day of organization, Rev. D. C. Banks officiating at the ceremony. The first baptism solemnized in New Albany was that of the infant daughter of Dr. Asahel and Elizabeth Clapp, Lucinda Ann, yet

living in this city, and the widow of Mr. W. C. Shipman, deceased. There are now in New Albany, three Presbyterian churches and two Presbyterian Mission churches. The next religious society organized in the city was the Baptist Church, the organization taking place, as near as we can learn, in the autumn of 1821. From this brief sketch it will be seen that the pioneers of New Albany were hardly installed in their log cabins when they commenced the organization of churches. This early religious work gave a moral and Christian tone to society in the then village which has "grown with its growth and strengthened with its strength." Now, New Albany can boast of nearly thirty churches, and in the superior cultivation, and moral and religious character of her society is not surpassed by any city of America. These considerations are of importance to all who may desire to locate in a growing city, where church privileges and educational advantages, as well as business facilities, are offered them.

The following embraces a full list of the several religious denominations of the city, and the number of church edifices: Presbyterian, three regular and two mission churches, valued at \$125,000. Methodists (white), five regular; one German, two mission, colored, two; property of all valued at \$175,000. Baptists (white), one colored, two; value of property, \$40,000. Protestant Episcopal, one, valued at \$20,000. Lutheran-German

Evangelicals, with property valued at \$40,000. Catholic, two large churches, one German, the other Irish, and with property valued at \$150,000. Christian churches, two, valued at \$35,000. Universalist church, valued at \$15,000. There is a society of Spiritualists in the city, that meets in one of the public halls. There is also a small society of Second Adventists. The Methodists are erecting a new church, to be called Trinity, to cost \$25,000.

Every regular church and every mission church in the city of New Albany has a Sunday school. Some of these schools have from three hundred to four hundred and fifty pupils enrolled. There is probably no city of equal population, west of the Alleghany mountains, that has as many children attending Sunday schools as New Albany. The first school was organized here in the early part of 1818, three years after the pioneer families moved into the then village of not over twenty-five cabins, by Rev. Mr. Reed, a Presbyterian missionary, and Mrs. Austin, a Methodist. The moral effect of these Sunday schools upon the youth of this city has been most marked; and to-day it can be honestly boasted (and gratefully), that there is less immorality or inebriety in the town than is found in other cities. Many of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of the city are regular workers in the Sunday school cause.

The Young Men's Christian As-

sociation, of New Albany, is an honor to the city. It was organized on the 9th of June, 1871, incorporated on the 17th of October, 1871, and now has an active membership of one hundred and fifty. The Association has a fine library, a public reading room in one among the best halls in the city, receives many of the leading daily and weekly newspapers of the country, and many of the monthlies of any note in the United States and Great Britain. The Association is doing a noble work, and its attractive hall is daily visited by the young of both sexes. The reading room will compare favorably with any in the country, in its furnishing, library and other interior arrangements.

One of the chief advantages New Albany will always maintain as a place for manufacturing, is HER NEARNESS TO THE COAL FIELDS OF SOUTHERN INDIANA. The Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Air Line railway, which has its eastern terminus in this city, reaches the southern Indiana coal-fields at a distance of only fifty miles from New Albany. The road traverses the center of the fields a distance of about forty miles, and throughout almost its entire distance this coal-field will average ten miles in width. The block coal, in this field, is pronounced by iron-masters equal to the best in the world for iron smelting, and all purposes of iron manufacture. The block coal of Western Indiana is now used in every iron furnace in Indiana, and in the Bessemer Steel works at

Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago and St. Louis, and in all the iron works of Indianapolis and other Indiana cities. Cincinnati is also successfully using the Indiana block coal, in her manufactories, in competition with the noted Mahoning and Hocking Valley coals and the best Pennsylvania coals. Prof. Cox and Prof. Foster, former State Geologists, and Prof. Delafontaine, the eminent Swiss geologist, now residing at Chicago, after the most critical examination and careful analysis, pronounced these block coals the best in America, and equal, in every respect, to the best variety of Welsh coal. Prof. Foster says: "To the purity of splint coal it unites all the softness and combustibility of wood, and the effects produced by it in the blast furnace, either as to the quality or quantity of iron, far exceeds anything in the manufacture of that metal with charcoal." Prof. Cox says: "Without fear of contradiction, I pronounce the block coal, of Indiana, the best mineral fuel yet known to the world, for the manufacture of pig metal, bar iron, or steel. In the blast furnace it produces a metal in every respect equal to the best charcoal iron made from the same ores. In the puddling furnace a less quantity of block coal is required than of the best Pittsburg coals, to a run of bar or wrought iron. The bars are brought off in a shorter space of time, and the quality of the iron is better." Of the Staab and Priest veins of block coal, that are run over by the Louisville, Evansville & St.

Louis Air Line railway, Prof. Delafontaine says: "These block coals, we know from experience, when tested in the blast furnace, have all the qualities of charcoal as a reducing agent. Two and a half tons of coal are required to make a ton of iron. They are not quite as strong in fixed carbon as the Mahoning or the Shenango coals, but they produce a more highly esteemed pig metal. Compared with the English coals of Pontypool, Bedwas and Ebbon Vale, the amount of phosphoric acid was far greater in every instance; and while, in the English coals, there was a notable percentage of sulphur, in the Staab coal there was an entire absence. Comparing these results with the amount of phosphoric acid contained in the ashes of elm, oak and apple-tree wood, the result is that while the Staab coal contains .03 per cent of this deleterious ingredient, those wood ashes contain all the way from 4.19 to 9.61 per cent. Thus, it will be seen that there are coals in the Indiana fields which are free from the element of phosphorus, so deleterious to iron making, than charcoal itself." Here are the highest authorities establishing the superiority of these block coals over all others for the purposes of iron manufacture. These block coals are first reached by the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Air Line railway, at a distance of sixty-five miles from New Albany, and can be laid down in the manufactories of New Albany very cheaply. Within this same southern Indiana coal zone, the very best cannel

and bituminous coals also abound in inexhaustible supply. These coals are all superior for general manufacturing purposes, for making steam, and domestic use. They are all reached at distances of fifty to eighty-five miles from New Albany, and are traversed by the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Air Line railway.

EDWARDSVILLE, Georgetown township, on the New Albany and Corydon turnpike, five miles west of New Albany. It has a store and several neat residences. The tunnel of the L. E. & St. L. railroad through the Silver Hills, passes under Edwarsville. This tunnel is 4,372 feet in length, being the longest railroad tunnel in Indiana. From the summit of the "Silver Hills" at this town a magnificent view of one of the finest natural landscapes in the State is obtained. The town has excellent schools.

When the first pioneers came into the territory now embraced in Floyd county in 1804, they found the country covered with a dense growth of immense forest trees. There were also many cane-brakes, such as are now found in Arkansas and other southern States. Bears, panthers, wolves, deer, wild turkeys, wildcats and almost equally wild Indians were numerous, and these pioneers were subject to frequent alarms. But three counties had then been organized in the territory of Indiana, and the savage Indian ranged at will through the almost unbroken forests and wide spreading prairies. Often were the hardy pio-

neers surprised and alarmed by these wild Red Men, and many of the first settlers fell victims to the tomahawk and scalping knife of these wily and inveterate foes of the white man. These alarms and slaughters were frequent in all parts of Indiana until after the close of the war of 1812 between the United States and Great Britain; the Indians always being the allies of the British against this country, and not unfrequently being incited to the most terrible deeds of blood and carnage against the American frontier settlers by the British officers of the army and the hired agents of that Government. But these days of slaughter have passed. The Indian tribes that formerly inhabited Indiana and made it their hunting grounds have melted away before the advancing civilization and the unparalleled energy of the nineteenth century; and the remnant that yet survives the once proud and no less savage Shawanees, Piankeshaws, Miamis, Pottawatomies, Delawares and Wyandottes, who were once so terrible when upon the war path, have been pushed west to the base of the Rocky Mountains, where they now only linger until the advancing flood of emigration gathers new force, when they will be driven farther westward to where the setting sun bathes his golden glories in the Pacific ocean, and then disappear from this continent forever. The once favorite hunting grounds of these Red Men are swept away; the mighty forests have fallen, and beautiful prosperous vil-

lages, towns and cities, and cultivated farms, bearing in abundance the grains and fruits of the golden autumn have taken their place; the wilderness indeed now blossoms as the rose, and the hum of machinery and the busy notes of enterprising industry ring out from thousands of manufacturing and mechanical establishments. The light birch bark canoe of the savage, no longer splits the rippling waves of the beautiful river, Ohio; but instead, those magnificent floating palaces, the western steamboats, bear over its waters the vast commerce of a mighty nation. The Indian trails and the buffalo paths have given place to the iron-ribbed railroads, where the locomotive, with its long train of cars, sweeps with lightning speed to ready markets the bountiful products of our bounteous State. The wild whoop of Indian battle is hushed forever; and where it once sounded, now stand hundreds of churches, from which the voice of prayer and praise ascend; and thousands of school houses, where tens of thousands of children meet to be taught in our free schools, and to be imbued with a love of country, and that spirit of liberty which is equal rights to all, and which has made our happy, proud America the asylum for the oppressed of all lands, and which prepares Americans to give cordial welcome to all peoples who flee from tyranny to find a home under the Stars and Stripes of this grand Union of Freeman.

GEORGE A. BICKNELL was born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 6th, 1817, and is a son of George A. and Emeline (Irglis) Bicknell; the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter born in New York. The elder Bicknell was a merchant in Philadelphia, where subject was reared and educated.

He entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated at the age of fourteen, having taken the regular classical and scientific course. He was immediately sent to New Haven Law School by his parents, where he remained one year. In the meantime, his father had removed to New York, and there the young man read law in the office of the late Seth P. Staples for several years.

He was admitted to the bar when nineteen years of age, at Albany, N. Y., in January, 1836.

He began practice immediately in New York city, where he continued some eight or ten years, when he was taken sick from business and over-study, being the attorney for the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company. He then concluded to try farming and came West. His father owned five hundred acres of land in Scott county, Indiana, and for five years he cultivated it, or a part of it. He found it expensive and retired from the business.

During this time he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Scott county, and in 1850 was elected Circuit Pros-

ecutor for Scott, Clark, Washington, Jackson, Orange, Harrison and Floyd counties; in 1851 he removed from Scott to New Albany, and the next year he was elected Circuit Judge of the Judicial District, comprising the counties above named, and Crawford and Lawrence. This office he held continually for twenty-four years, the circuit being reduced in size in 1873.

In 1876 he was elected to Congress, and was chairman of the committee on the Electoral count, a member of the committee on Foreign Affairs, and several other committees. He was re-elected in 1878, and in 1881 was appointed Commissioner of Appeals in the Supreme Court of Indiana, at the same salary as the regular Judges—this kept him until 1885, since which time he has practiced his profession, and held court for nearly all the circuit judges in southern Indiana.

Judge Bicknell published law books which were well received by the legal fraternity. "Bicknell's Civil Practice" and "Criminal Practice" have both gone through two editions.

The Judge's ancestor, Zachary Bicknell, came from the south of England in 1632, in a colony, and settled at Weymouth, Mass. Judge Bicknell is eighth in the descent from Zachary Bicknell. The Bicknells were Swedes, and the name was spelled Becknill. About the year 700 they came by sea to a place now, in southeastern Scotland, but then, part of an independent kingdom, and

there is yet a hill there called "Beck-nill Hill."

He was married in 1840, when twenty-three years of age, to Miss Elizabeth Richards, a daughter of Jesse Richards, Esq., of Batsto, New Jersey. She is still living. Four children of this marriage are still living, viz: George A., who is Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy; Martha B. Mahon, a widow, living in Washington City; Emma, widow of Rev. George Love, who was a minister of the Church of England, and who lived in Canada at the time of his death, since which event she has lived with her father. The youngest, Jesse R., is Rector of an Episcopal church at Jacksonville, Fla., and has the honor of having remained at his post of duty throughout the recent epidemic there. Judge Bicknell is also a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, is A. B. and A. M., of the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1864 received the degree of LL. D. from the State University of Indiana, and was Professor of Law in that institution from 1861 to 1870.

ROBERT LA FOLLETTE, who emigrated to the Territory of Indiana November 4, 1804. The preceding day he had married Miss Martha Sampson and together they had crossed the Ohio river and pitched their tent about three-fourths of a mile east of Knob Creek, which location he had previously selected. Here

in the unbroken wilderness surrounded by the dusky forms of the friendly Indians, they resolved to make their future home and commenced the battle of life. They remained in camp until Mr. La Follette had made a clearing, cut logs and built a cabin. This was the first house built in Floyd county, and the young wife was the first white woman who settled there. Their nearest neighbors were ten miles below them, in Harrison county. The Shawanee Indians were their immediate neighbors and with them they lived on the most peaceful terms; when marauding tribes from other sections made their appearance in the vicinity, Mrs. La Follette was warned by her Indian friends and sent across the river to her people, while her husband joined the expedition to drive them back. They underwent all the hardships of pioneer life; a rude cabin with a floor of split logs, sheltered them, and a bed, table and other furniture of split boards were the household equipments of the young settlers. Mr. La Follette continued to reside where he first settled and when the division line between Clark and Harrison counties was drawn, he was thrown into Clark county and paid his share towards building the first court house at Charlestown, the county seat. A few years later he moved into Harrison county and helped to build, by special tax, the court house at Corydon, and afterward, when Floyd county was organized, he found himself in that county and paid his proportion of the

levy to build the first court house at New Albany. He remained on the farm to which he had removed from the vicinity of Knob Creek, until his death which occurred in January, 1867, when he was eighty-nine years of age. He had resided in the limits of what is now Floyd county sixty-two years, and his wife sixty-one years. Robert La Follette's house was for many years used for meetings, by the regular Baptist minister, and pioneer preachers of all denominations were cordially welcomed. While he was conscientiously religious, he was also religiously conscious of his duty to kill hostile Indians and never missed an opportunity of joining in the chase. D. W. La Follette, a son of Robert La Follette, was born 13th of September, 1825, and in early life learned that honest toil is the surest road to prosperity. By his own labor he acquired the means to defray his expenses at the State University, and graduated from the law department. He afterwards studied law with Hon. W. A. Porter, deceased, of Corydon, was admitted to the bar in 1849, in 24th year of his age and immediately commenced the practice of his profession at Corydon. In 1852 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the Court of Common Pleas by a large majority. In 1855 he removed to New Albany and formed a partnership with Hon. James Collins. In 1858 he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Floyd County. In 1872 he was appointed Judge of the Criminal Circuit Court of Floyd and Clark

counties, but declined, and became prosecuting attorney of the district. In 1873 he was appointed one of the law professors in the State University, and filled the chair one year with credit to himself and the institution.

MICHAEL C. KERR was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1827. He received an academic education and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the Louisville University in 1851. He was an ardent and indefatigable student from an early age to the close of his life. His attainments in the broad fields of general knowledge were more than ordinary, while in the branches more directly allied to his public duties, such as political economy, the science of government, parliamentary law, etc., his acquirements were extensive and duly acknowledged by his contemporaries. He taught school for some time in Kentucky, and settled in New Albany, Indiana, where he afterwards permanently resided. He began the practice of law in New Albany in 1852, was elected City Attorney in 1854 and prosecuting Attorney of Floyd county in 1855; was a member of the State Legislature in 1856 and 1857; was elected reporter of the supreme court of Indiana in 1862, and during his term of office edited five volumes of reports; was elected a representative to the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses; was the democratic



candidate at large for Representative in the Forty-third Congress, but was defeated by a small majority of one hundred and sixty-two votes; he was elected in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress by a majority of thirteen hundred and nine. But the crowning honor of his public career was his election to the speakership of the House of Representatives, at its organization, in 1875. Mr. Kerr made an able and impartial presiding officer and commanded the undivided respect of all parties. For some time previous to his election to the speakership his health had begun to fail, from the insidious progress of a serious pulmonary affection, which was quickened to action by the arduous duties of his office, forcing him before the close of his first session, to seek relief from his toils and sufferings, by a sojourn among the mountains of Virginia. But the disease had gained too much headway and his death took place on the 19th of August, 1876, at the Alum Springs, Rockbridge county, Virginia. His noble qualities of heart and mind endeared him to a large circle of acquaintances and friends. His death was regretted by the whole country.

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**ASHBEL PARSONS WILLARD** was the most popular Governor Indiana ever had; was born October 31, 1820, at Vernon, Oneida county, New York. His father was Colonel Erastus Willard, sheriff of the

county. The maiden name of his mother, whose memory he revered as long as he lived was Sarah Parsons. She died when he was fourteen, but she had already discerned the dawning brilliancy of his mind, and calling him to her dying bed, counseled him to obtain a liberal education, and to enter the profession of the law. In accordance with her dying wishes, he pursued his preparatory studies at the Oneida Liberal Institute and when eighteen he entered Hamilton College, New York, in the class of 1842. He became first in scholarship in that institution and bore off its highest honors as valedictorian.

After graduating, Willard, departing from the home of his youth, followed his two brothers, who had preceded him, to Marshall, Michigan, and there, at the age of twenty-two, with feeble health but full of "the mental exhilarations of youth, hope and glory" he embarked upon the stormy sea of life. He remained at Marshall with, of course, a limited legal practice for about a year, when his health not becoming established, he determined to seek a milder clime. He purchased a horse and rode southwestwardly into Texas and back again to Kentucky, when his funds being exhausted but his health exceedingly improved, he stopped and obtained employment as a school teacher. This was the year of the presidential contest between Polk and Clay. Willard, from his boyhood, had been an earnest, working political par-

tisan. He left the school room for the political arena. New Albany, Indiana fell within his circle, and there, stranger as he was, he addressed the people. The impression made by the tall, slender young orator was so favorable to him, personally, that it induced an invitation to him to make that city his home. It was in the spring of 1845, before he had reached the age of twenty-five that Ashbel P. Willard, without pecuniary resources, in the absence of relatives and only friends of an hour's acquaintance, became a resident of Indiana. Entering upon the practice of law at New Albany he was compelled to encounter an able and learned bar—such lawyers as Bicknell, Crawford, Otto Davis and others, ranking inferior to none in the State. This competition only stimulated him to greater exertion. He afterward became the partner of Mr. Crawford, but did not, however, pursue the legal profession long enough to reach its greatest honors. Politics, we shall soon see, engaged his thoughts and energies and became the field of labor in which he won his fame. In narrating, however, the events of his life it is proper to here turn aside to mention one of a domestic character. On the 31st of May, 1847, he was married to Miss Caroline C. Cook of Haddam, Conn. Of the offspring of that marriage, the first and third, James H. and Caroline C. Willard survive. In May, 1849, Mr. Willard was elected a member of the city

council of New Albany, and labored steadily in that capacity for the improvement of the finances of the city. In 1850 he was elected to the Legislature from Floyd county by an unusual majority. He served in the capacity of Representative but a single session; but it is conclusive evidence of the reputation he had already acquired for talent and efficiency that, young as he was, and new member as he was, he was placed at the head of the Committee on Ways and Means and assigned the leadership of the Democratic party in the House. In 1852 he was nominated by the Democratic party of Indiana for Lieutenant-Governor, and was elected. He filled this office until 1856, when he was called by the suffrages of the people of the State, after a most desperate political contest, to the executive chair, the highest office in their gift. He was inaugurated Governor of Indiana, January 10, 1857. And here, let the reader pause a moment to observe the spectacle presented. A young man, who eleven years before had entered upon his career of life in Indiana poor and friendless, had by his own persistent efforts, without aid from accidents of fortune, risen with an unflinching step through a gradation of honorable and responsible offices, till at the age of thirty-six he ascended to the highest position in the government of a State composed of over a million of people. But few parallel cases can be found.

In 1860 his strength failed him. He went to Minnesota in the hope of recuperating, but there in a ride from White Bear Lake to St. Paul he took a sudden cold, and on the 4th of October of that year he expired from an attack of pneumonia. At the meridian of life, far up toward the source of the Father of Waters, whose swelling and majestic flow was no unfit emblem of the bold and overpowering stream of eloquence of the "silver-tongued orator of Indiana," and Willard, yielding to the only enemy he could not conquer, descended into the regions of the dead—but there not to dwell. Amid public evidences of a sorrowing people his remains were borne to the city of New Albany, where they rest in the midst of friends he loved so well. The most marked features of Willard's intellectual powers were intuition and will—the faculties of all others most sure to produce the man of action, the successful leader; and united with these, he had a gift of eloquence which makes his name a fireside recollection in the homes of Indiana. As a speaker, he was one of the most eloquent in the forum or on the stump. Possessing in an eminent degree all the requisites of a true orator in happiest combination;

great emotion and passion, with correct judgment of human nature, genius, fancy and imagination, gesture and attitude, intonation and countenance, his whole nature blended to accomplish the mighty purposes of his heart. He saw at a glance the true relations of things, the exact bearing of current events; what was proper to be done, and how to do it; and the force, the energy of his will bore him forward in its immediate and successful execution. He had great decision of character. He never stopped to speculate or doubt; and no leader ever should while he continues the contest, for uncertainty and hesitancy paralyze the arm in its attempt to execute. As a general truth, it may be asserted that none but the sincere, believing, earnest men will efficiently or can successfully struggle with difficulties. It was the possession in a high degree of the qualities above mentioned that drew upon Willard, by common consent, the leadership among those with whom he might be; for the wavering and timid always follow the decided and brave. And it was those qualities, also, that gave him such distinguished success as a presiding officer—quickness of apprehension, promptness and energy of action.

# HARRISON COUNTY.

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HARRISON is one of the wealthiest counties in the southern part of the State, agriculturally, and one of the most important in the commonwealth in historical interest. Within its limits occurred much that has passed into history. Within its limits also, have figured some of the ablest men the State has known, whose finger-marks are still to be seen, and whose statesmanship and wise counsels have been largely instrumental in placing her in an honorable position in the Union. For more than a decade of years—from 1813 to 1825—its county seat was the capitol of the State, and the old Capital building still stands, a monument of historical interest. Here was once the home of Gen. William Henry Harrison, the farmer, patriot and soldier, whose trumpets never sounded the notes of retreat, the hero of the famed field of Tippecanoe, the ninth President of the United States, and the grandsire of the President. Here such men as he; Gen Posey, the soldier and patriot, the companion and friend of Washington; Jennings, honest, pure, with heroic courage for the right, Harbin Moore, "a meteor of

brilliant thought and speech, and princely in courtly elegance of manners and conversation;" the Boones, unrivaled in pioneer daring, that never quailed before their savage enemies, and in whose lexicon there was no such word as fail; Spier Spencer, who laid down his life on the field of Tippecanoe, and other master spirits of the time, who lived out the measure of their days; and the fruit of their labors here are yet visible. Their surroundings, however were such as we know little of now, except by tradition. Pioneer life here, if all authorities may be credited, was rough, rude, simple, sincere, honest, warm-hearted and hospitable, and many of the men of mark of that period, though brilliant, were erratic, often irreverent and dissipated. Their lives were fevered and delirious, and upon the rostrum or in the forum they gleamed and flashed like blazing meteors. In the metropolis of the territory and the young State centered the two extremes of pioneer society; the rude simplicity, and the gifted, brilliant children of erratic genius. Above the mass, such men as Harrison, Jennings, Posey,

Moore, etc., towered like Saul above his fellows. The leading events in the lives of these men, and so far as they are interwoven with the history of Harrison county, will be noted as this sketch progresses.

*Topography.*—Harrison is one of the southern tier of counties, and lies in a great arc of a circle of the Ohio river, which borders it for nearly forty miles and separates it from the State of Kentucky. It is bounded on the north by Washington county; on the east by Floyd and the Ohio river; on the south by the Ohio river; on the west by the Ohio and by Crawford county, and contains four hundred and seventy-eight square miles. By the last census it had a population of 21,326. In common with the entire southern part of the State, it is rather broken and hilly, but notwithstanding, has a large amount of fine farming land. The principal streams, besides the Ohio river, are Blue river, forming the general dividing line between Harrison and Crawford counties; Big Indian, Little Indian, forming a junction at the town of Corydon; Buck and Mosquito Creeks. These streams pass through narrow valleys or canon-like gorges, at a depth of three hundred to four hundred feet below the highest hill-tops, and from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty feet below the level of the "barrens," or valley plateaus.

*Barrens.*—The name "barrens," applied to portions of Harrison county, is somewhat misleading to the modern

ear. The barrens were so named, because when first visited by white people they were devoid of timber. The pioneers had an exaggerated idea of the amount of timber needed for dwellings and fuel, and seemed to believe that soil too poor to grow timber would scarcely grow anything else, while the bare situation would expose them to the burning sun of summer and the fierce blasts of winter. These treeless regions, for years swept by autumnal fires, until they were covered with only a coat of rank weeds and prairie grass, presented, in many cases, the uniformity, without the monotony, of the western prairies. They made a beautiful picture of the splendor and bounty of untrammelled nature, and the rank grass was, in the spring and summer season, overtopped with radiant flowers, while the ground, rich and fruitful, was covered with wild strawberries. So prodigal was Nature of these unappreciated bounties that the odors were wafted on the breeze, for miles.

Vast herds of deer bounded leisurely over the quietly rolling meadows, and great flocks of wild turkeys in their panoply of glittering green and blue plumage were met in every direction, while thousands of smaller birds, such as pheasants and quails might be had for the taking. Such were the "barrens" which, far from being barren or sterile, were among the richest and most productive lands in the southern part of the State. But since the annual fires have been prevented by

settlements, and the opening of farms, these prairie-barrens are now, where not in cultivation, covered with young forest trees from 12 to 18 inches in diameter.

*Drainage.*—One of the most important features of Harrison county is its subterranean drainage. No part of the world, perhaps, exhibits this feature so significantly. The rocky substratum of the county is, as a rule, limestone. "The surface is a porous mass of flints, geades, siliceous fossils and fragments of quartz, the insoluble remains of this limestone dissolved and eroded by atmospheric agencies. The rainfall is absorbed by this mass, as if by a sponge, and quickly conducted to sink-holes and ever-enlarging crevices to underground canals or ducts. The result is a subterranean system of rivers, creeks and brooks, which flow along in midnight darkness, peopled with a peculiar fauna-fishes, crawfishes, worms and beetles, in which the organs of vision, unused for generations and ages, are obsolete. This peculiar system, and its depth below the surface, renders the supply of water from wells uncertain, and residences, churches and school-houses are usually supplied with cisterns for securing rain water for culinary and drinking purposes. At many points, the prevailing good health may be attributed to the use of pure rain water. Another remarkable effect of this drainage is observed in many electrical phenomena, seemingly contrary to the well-known laws of elec-

tricity. Lightning rarely or never strikes on the hills or table-lands, but generally, or always, in deep valleys, and often in basin-shaped sink-holes, from 200 to 400 feet below the hills immediately adjoining or contiguous. Dry, porous earth, filled with air, is a poor conductor." Such is the condition of areas, from a scientific standpoint, under-run by rivers and streams. The electricity seeks the shortest line to a good conductor by passing through the humid air to one of the underground water-courses.

*Caverns.*—Caves are numerous in Harrison county, some of which are remarkable in extent and beauty. Borden's Cave in the western part of the county is, comparatively, a new discovery, and possesses unrivaled beauty. It is thus described by one who explored its subterranean beauties: "The cave contains four rooms, each differing from the rest in the shape and number of its formations. The first room is about 50 feet high and contains many stalactites, which are slender, tolerably clear, and from 2 to 5 feet long. The stalagmites are, also, numerous and beautiful; the stalactitic folds on the sides of the room depend in masses that, no doubt, weigh many tons. The most noted formations in the second story are: 1. Very white, clear stalagmites, covered with points of cala spar, that give them the appearance of being covered with frost. 2. A mass of broken stalagmites that have fallen from the walls of the room; this mass attracts much

attention from those who do not understand the process of its formation. 3. A large branching stalagmite in the left side of the room. A large pile of rocks, resembling Jug Rock in Martin county, partly separates the second and third rooms. Beyond it is a shelving rock, 25 feet long and 10 feet wide, that contains, probably, 5,000 stalactites, from an inch to two feet long, and from one-fourth of an inch to two inches thick. Some of these stalactites have been broken off, perhaps by an earthquake, and as they fell they lodged among others, and have been cemented to them in many different positions. The fourth room is entered by ascending a ladder. It is smaller than the others, and the most interesting object it contains is a huge stalagmite, 8 feet high. One-half of it has been removed by a small stream of water, so the present specimen is only a part of what was formerly there.

"Mr. Borden has labored industriously to improve the cave. He has made and put in place a ladder 54 feet long, by which the cave is entered, and also put up three smaller ones at places inside. He has graded some of the rough places, and is at present engaged in opening a narrow channel through which the e is a strong current of air. The cave is worth a visit from all who enjoy subterranean rambles."

Rhodes' Cave, also in the western part of the county, has an entrance almost like a well, and is 8 by 12 feet.

A rapid descent over angular, fallen rocks, leads by a passage-way, 7 to 10 feet high to the lake, 93 feet below the surface. The lake is fed by permanent springs, and never diminishes much, if any, in size. It is reported to have a measured depth of over 40 feet. A small spring, dripping from the limestone walls, fringes the south side with clusters and sheaves of slender stalactites, and falls into a basin-shaped stalagmite. The lake contains a great many white, blind fishes and crawfishes. Swarms of bats resort to the cave, hibernating there during the winter, hanging by the feet to the roof, in great clusters of thousands, remaining in a semi-torpid condition until the warmth of spring recalls them to active life. The cool, dry air of this cave has high antiseptic properties, preserving fruit, fresh meat, etc., in perfection.

Another interesting cave is King's, about four miles east of Corydon, near the turnpike to New Albany. "A spring or small stream of water is the key to this excavation, the chisel which tunneled and hollowed out this narrow cavern. At low water it would pass through a four inch orifice, and is constant in seasons of drouth; after a rain a torrent pours out of the gothic doorway six by three feet. This beautiful doorway, much older than the present entrance, is inaccessible, except by ladder; above, a dome shaped portico is well rounded to lines of beauty. The vestibule is sixty feet long, twelve feet wide, and five to ten

feet high, with a rippling brook at one side. Beyond, the roof becomes lower, and at places is but two and a half to three feet high. Half a mile from the entrance is a lake thirty feet long, of no great width or depth, containing blind fish and crustaceans. Bats, coons and muskrats frequent the cave for rest and hibernation. The grand hall near the lake is reported to be one hundred and twenty feet long, sixteen feet wide, and eight feet high, with many beautiful stalactites. Beyond the lake the roof is so low that progress can be made in a stooping posture only, or by crawling.

Yocuru's Cave, on the south side of Little Indian Creek, but a short distance north of Corydon, is full of attractions, and is a labyrinth of winding passages. It has been but partially explored, and to a distance of about half a mile.

Boone's Cave. The most important cave in Harrison county, and to which attaches much historical interest, is that known as Boone's Cave. It is thus described: "West and northwest of Laconia, as will be seen by the map, there are four small creeks or brooks, which, after gathering the surface drainage of from two to four miles, suddenly sink in the ground to the cavernous St. Louis limestone. After an underground course of less than two miles, they are collected together and burst forth from an opening in the limestone bluff of Buck Creek, in sufficient volume to turn an old-fashioned over-

shot wheel and mill. This region is historic ground, on the verge of the battle-land which divided the semi-civilized Indians of the South from the savages of the North, and subject to incursions from these irreconcilable enemies, and from predatory parties from the other tribes. It was inhabited by wild animals—a land of game—bears, deer, turkey, et., were abundant. Notwithstanding the danger of the situation, this hunting-ground soon attracted the attention of the Boones, and others of the chivalrous pioneers of Kentucky. Every excursion was a scouting expedition, and every trail a "war-path." The foemen neither asked or gave mercy. On one of their hunting expeditions, Squire Boone, brother to the famous Daniel Boone, of Kentucky history, in passing along the eastern bluff of Buck Creek, noticed a small cave-like opening in the rocks, partially hidden by bushes. It appeared to be a good hiding place for large, wild game. A few miles further on he was attacked by Indians; his only chance for life was to fly. The pursuit was immediate and earnest, and it was evident that they would soon overtake him. He remembered the hiding place discovered a few hours before, and reached it when his pursuers were less than a hundred yards behind him. Throwing himself into the cave, he heard the Indians pass over his head. The little cavern had saved his life. To him it was holy ground; he selected it as his final



resting place—a sepulcher carved out by the hand of Nature. He required that, after his death, his body should be entombed there in this cave. Going to the spot, a rough, flat stone was shown us—the door to Boone's Grave Cave. Removing the stone, a small opening is exposed in the side of the hill; a descent of about seven feet led to a room six by eight feet on the floor, and a little less than five feet high. The coffin had been broken away, and the exposed bones showed that this intrepid pioneer had been a man of stalwart frame and of great muscular power, at least six feet two inches high. The skull was gone. A decent regard for the family and memory of a man who contributed so much to the pioneer history of the Ohio Valley, and gave names to so many counties, towns and villages in the Garden of America, demands that a suitable memorial column or block of stone should be placed over this grave, not only to mark the spot, but to preserve his mortal remains from the vandal hands of relic hunters.

"Squire Boone spent his latter days in this vicinity. The great cave spring poured its torrents down the side of the hill, having a fall of 18 feet. Boone built a mill, preparing the material almost wholly with his own hands. The building was of stone. Many of the blocks were ornamented with figures and emblems, displaying some degree of artistic skill, and all by the hand of the old

hunter. A trailing vine in full leaf and laden with fruit, was cut upon the lintels, and figures of deer, fishes, a horse, a cow, a lion, a human face, and stars, and many texts from the Bible were sketched upon the stone in different parts of the building. Over a door way was this inscription:

'The. Traveler's. Rest. Consecra'ed. By. Squire.  
Boone. 1809.'

Over another door is the following:

'I. Sit. And. Sing. My. Soul's. Salvation.  
And. Bless. The. God. Of. My. Creation.'

A broken stone says:

'My. Goode. Friend.'

Everything pertaining to the Boones, the most famous pioneers of the Ohio valley, is of interest to the general reader, and the following is given from the *Western Argus*, a paper published in this county a third of a century ago, by Judge Slaughter. The *Argus* of June 22, 1852, says: A correspondent of the *Louisville Journal* says that Enoch Boone, who resides in Meade county, Ky., was the first male child born in Kentucky now living. Mr. Boone is the son of Squire Boone and nephew of Daniel Boone. Squire Boone, the father of Enoch, was buried in a cavern in this county. His coffin is placed in a vault cut in the solid rock, the work of his own hands. The cavern is one in which Mr. Boone had, at one time, taken refuge from the Indians. Whilst hiding himself here from his savage foes he occupied himself in carving various fantastic figures on the walls of his underground house, which are

plainly visible; in fact, many of the stones were quarried from the walls and placed in the foundations of a mill which is now standing near the mouth of the cave, and on which the figures of birds and fishes are yet distinct as if made but yesterday."

Dr. Potts and some friends, in 1870, determined if possible to explore the cave which gives egress to the stream that drives the Boone mill. Near the mouth of the cave, which is twenty feet wide and ten feet high, the water rushes out with a violent current, and for one hundred and fifty yards was found to be waist deep; thence for half a mile the stream was smaller, a mere tunnel four and a half feet high, where they found interesting water-falls, one ten, another twelve or fourteen feet high; passing these they entered a dry hall-way for nearly a mile, averaging twenty feet wide and sixteen feet high, the sides highly ornamented with snow-white or translucent stalactites, and numerous stalagmites built up from the floor, which in many cases nearly approach the pendants from the roof. Sightless fishes and bats were the only observed inhabitants.\*

The famous Wyandotte Cave is just over the line in Crawford county, and only about twelve or fifteen miles from Corydon, in a due westerly course. It is one of the most remarkable caves yet discovered in this country, the celebrated Mammoth Cave of Kentucky perhaps excepted, and is

\* Squire Boone and his cave is referred to again in this sketch.

annually visited by hundreds and hundreds of sight-seers and tourists.

*Geology.*—The people of southern Indiana are an agricultural people in their pursuits. Their first care is the soil and climate, and facts pertaining to these are of the first importance. The science of geology is the foundation upon which rests the pursuits of a people and the genius of their civilization. It is a maxim in geology that the soil and its underlying rocks forecast unerringly to the trained eye the character of the people, and quality of the civilization of those who will, in coming time, occupy a section of country. It is the science of geology that traces the history of the earth back through successive stages of development to its rudimental condition, and "Recent Geology" comprises that succession of changes in its surface, which have occurred since the formation of the rock-beds in the bottom of the ocean, and their elevation above the surface of that sea. The term *recent*, then, is relative in its meaning. Although the term, by its phenomena, requires a very long period of time, variously estimated from thousands to millions of years, it is but a point or paragraph in the long years necessary for the preparation and elevation of the underlying rocks. The local geology of Harrison county is thus given:

"The alluvial 'bottoms' or valleys along the banks of the rivers and streams are due to causes now in action. Detritus, derived from wear and tear

of rocks and their disintegration by atmospheric agencies, is seized by each brooklet and rainy day wash, hurried along by brook and river, and by flood-tide deposited along or upon its banks. By a slow current, and at eddies, a close, impervious clay is deposited; but a stronger current carries in its bosom sand and vegetable matter, which intermixed with clay forms the loamy soil characteristic of our streams, and famous for the production of fine crops of cereals, vegetables, fruits, etc. The 'bottoms' of this county are of the best, and continually enriched by the annual overflow, are, after a continuous cultivation for nearly one hundred years, without manure, well remunerative to the careful husbandman.

"The Lacustral epoch succeeds in age that above described. During the great ice age, the drainage of the great valley of this continent was from north to south. Northern areas were at an elevation of several hundred feet above their present level, relative to the ocean surface, and at the same time at a much greater elevation than now, above areas to the south, causing a rapid flow in that direction. At about the close of the glacial epoch, a slow oscillation of the crust of the earth occurred. The region of the great lakes, parts of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, etc., were slowly and continuously depressed, at a rate so much greater than the southern parts of the country, that it worked a practical obstruction in the outlet of the watershed. A great fresh water sea resulted,

at one time covering the greater part of the interior of the continent, connected with outlying lakes by channels and valleys eroded during the preceding period, driven by the wind, but otherwise currentless rivers or bodies of water.

"From analogy, unqualified developments elsewhere, and abundant facts easily seen, this region, upon its emergence above the sea, was a level plain—now traversed by many streams with deep, canon-like beds, but of recent origin, traversing the country from north to south. It is eight to fifteen miles wide, and from two hundred to three hundred feet deep. The eastern bluff is the Knob sandstone of Floyd county, and the Chester hills in the western part of the county, along Blue river. A fine view, embracing a large part of this valley, can be had at a single glance from the top of Pilot Knob, adjoining Corydon on the south. Words can hardly express the gratification experienced on ascending this point, as the veil faded away which had mystified so many other visitors and students, disclosing that long vision in the history of the past. A succession of such sharp, conical 'knobs' or peaks are seen to the northwest and continue to occur beyond the northern boundary of the county, followed by a similar succession to the south-southeast. The great valley, locally known as the 'barrens,' is a nearly level plain. In a wild state, when visited by the Boones and other

hunter pioneers, it was nearly a typical prairie, exhibiting a few gnarled and scotched shrubs or 'stools,' and covered with a luxuriant growth of tall prairie grass, herbs and vines. These were burned after each autumnal frost, preventing the growth of trees and permanent vegetation. The soil is a silicious clay, the subsoil a confused, irregular, disjointed mass of flints, quartz and geodes, from ten to forty feet in depth—in some places approaching or covering the surface, so as to prove an obstacle to pleasant agriculture, and at a few points, in such extreme development as to require their removal and use in building fences, houses, etc. This rubbish is not in natural 'place,' and no such beds occur in this local geological formation, or any other. They are not imported by water or ice; their origin is local. Looking for their source, we see in the cliffy outlines of adjoining hills that the material of this *debris* is scattered in thin layers, one to fourteen inches in thickness, throughout the beds of St. Louis limestone, the plan of which is occupied by this valley. Judging from the isolated sections visible there, these layers, gathered from two hundred feet of St. Louis rocks, would just about equal the amount of the remains here left. One cannot but conclude that water, charged with carbonic acid, dissolved and totally removed in a state of solution, the whole of this limestone, rejecting the insoluble silicious material found remaining.

This solution is natural, and does

not require the erroneous theory of volcanic heat or upheaval. If the water which caused this removal was simply confined rainfall, and without motion, evaporation would have developed great beds of calcic tufa. Such beds do not exist. Theoretically, we may infer that a body of flowing water assisted. This is made certain by the fact that, on ascending Pilot Knob and similar eminences near the level of the ancient tableland, the extreme summits still exhibit well rounded gravel and more angular coarse sand. These can only result from water in motion, and flowing with considerable rapidity—say two to four miles an hour. The north and northwestern sides of the hills and knobs, as a rule, are precipitous, as if roughly beaten by a current, while in every case a pronounced *talus* stretches out to the south-southwestwardly. All these definitely assert the existence of a pre-glacial river of great volume, flowing with some current, probably slow, to the southeast. This valley, followed to the south, at present shows little or no fall in that direction; but with due allowance for the more rapid subsidence of northern areas, it is at once apparent that in the long past there was a time when this, as well as other rivers of Indiana and the northwest, which once flowed to the south, could and would be obstructed and be compelled to find new outlets of discharges.

"Ignoring the bed of the recent

Ohio river, this valley crosses that stream between Brandenburg and Westport at an elevation of two hundred and fifty to three hundred feet above low water, passed by a wide channel, now tilted up near Elizabethtown, Ky., into the beautiful Nolin valley, and that of Nolin creek to the Green river, accounting for the unusual bottoms of the latter, thus finally reaching the present Ohio river through Jefferson county. Below this point of junction, as well as above New Albany, the Ohio valley is from one to five miles, with well-rounded, gently-sloping bluffs, as naturally occurs by exposure to the elements of a very great length of time. Between these points, along the southern line of Harrison, Crawford and Perry counties, the bottoms, exclusive of the river itself, range from nothing to a quarter of a mile in width, while the bluffs, from two hundred to five hundred feet in height, boldly approach the water's edge; as a rule precipitous or very steeply inclined, and formed of limestone, which, by action of the atmosphere, is quickly sloped or rounded. They very strongly indicate the recent origin of the present Ohio river. On the other hand, the well-rounded and gently-sloping bluffs of the supposed pre-glacial valley, as strongly demonstrate the extreme antiquity of this phenomenon.

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“Commencing with the highest

and most recent rocky deposit in the western side of the county, are beds of bituminous or pyritous shales marking the place of coal A, the lowest coal seam in this State, capped by a few feet of conglomerate sand-rock named ‘millstone grit’ by the English geologists.” It is so near the rim of the basin that, as is always the case, it is here barren—without coal. This horizon is remarkable for the abundance of well-preserved stems and fruits characteristic of the coal measures. No other point in this State offers a more interesting study than Keller’s hill southwest of Corydon, and thence westerly to the Blue river. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say that no workable seams of coal exist in this county, and search in that direction will prove fruitless. \* \* \* On the farm of Rev. Jacob Keller is an outcrop of the lower coal measures and Chester beds, of great interest. The following section includes the space by barometric measurement to the level of the creek at Corydon, four and a half miles east:

Loess soil,	- - -	2 feet.
Conglomerate sand rock,	- 10	“
Dark carbonaceous shale,		
place of coal A,	- - -	20 “
Heavy grit stone,	- - -	15 “
Soft sandstone,	- - -	7 “
Blue Kaskaskia limestone,		
with Chester fossils,	- - -	25 “
Argillaceous limestone, with		
chert,	- - -	15 “
White limestone,	- - -	6 “

Slope to sink, - - -	20 feet.
Space by barometer to creek at Corydon, - - -	240 "
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	360 "

"Mr. Ezra Keller has gathered at this locality, which is wondrously rich, a remarkable collection of coal measure fossils, including great trunks of *Lepidodendron*, forked strangely strangulated, from two to two and a half feet in diameter, but short and stumpy, as if of such weak or herbaceous growth as to forbid tall erect stature; *Stigmaria*, of different species; *Knorria*, with ferns and fruit-like seeds of coal-measure plants, a stony herbarium of the age of coal. The coal-measure strata continue west, increasing with the dip in thickness in a great trough to Blue river. The following section is at Rothrock's cliff, Blue river:

Soil and fluviatile drift - - -	60 feet.
Laminated soapstone - - -	14 "
Massive quarry sandstone, con- glomerate - - -	8 "
Soft ferruginous sandstone - - -	11 "
Place of Coal A - - -	0 "
Shale and fire-clay - - -	7 "
Chester limestone and silicious shales - - -	120 "
St. Louis limestone, covered to Blue river - - -	180 "
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	400 "

"The massive sand rock is easily quarried, breaking in great cubes, as if cut by hand, from 2 to 8 feet square and larger, and from evidence

of exposure, is of unlimited endurance. As a grit stone it is first-rate, and should command the attention of manufacturers desiring very large grindstones. Beds of excellent paving stones are exposed in the lithographic member of the Chester group."

*Building Stone.*—The mineral resources of Harrison county are equal, if not superior, to any county in southern Indiana. One of its great staples, and which must continue to increase in value, is building stone. It exists in the county in every variety, comprising the ornamental as well as those of sterling useful qualities. The "buff calcareo-magnesian beds," at New Salisbury, have been worked at intervals for many years, and were mentioned prominently by Dr. David Dale Owen, in the first geological report of the State. The color is a subdued, neutral tint. Directly from the quarry it is soft, and may be hewn with a broad-ax or cut with a common saw, but on exposure to the air becomes hard. Samples seen in the old Capitol at Corydon, and in use as door-sills and steps to residences, show the satisfactory hardness and endurance of this stone after sixty years' exposure and use. The well defined, creamy buff tint will, by harmony as well as contrast, be found desirable for ornamental work in artistic edifices.

The light-gray limestone at King's Cave quarry, and many other points in the county, is practically, as well as

geologically, equivalent to the famous quarries at Salem, Bedford, Bloomington, etc. It is an elastic, compact, homogeneous limestone, capable of sustaining heavy burdens, and from the boldly escaped bluffs and exposure, known to absolutely resist for ages the action of the elements. When unlimited facilities for transportation exist, this stone, equal to the best heretofore offered in the market, will meet a good demand.

The snow-white oolitic limestone has been opened at the Stockslager quarry, near Mauckport, although it occurs in thinner ledges in other parts of the county. A chemical precipitate from an aqueous solution, it is of almost perfect purity. In color it is more brightly white than marble. It is susceptible of a high polish, and the egg-like concretions add a signal beauty and variety to the peculiar structure. In color, beauty and uniformity it is unique, and is believed to be unsurpassed, if not unrivaled. Tested scientifically, it was found to weigh nearly 150 pounds per cubic foot, and to have a crushing strength per square inch of 10,250 pounds, or more than eighteen times as strong as good bricks. When burned, it yields pure white lime, a superior article for plastering, whitewashing, etc. It works cool under the trowel, giving ample time for ornamental finish. On account of its purity, it is in good demand for defecating sugar and other chemical purposes on the lower Mississippi river. At ordinary stone quarries,

spawls and broken debris are a serious and costly encumbrance; here, every rejected fragment is in demand for calcination and adds to the value of the quarry, and almost insures profitable results to operators.

A dark-gray limestone is seen just below the mouth of Mosquito creek, near the extreme southern promontory of the county. It is homogeneous, massive, and shows in solid stratum of limestone, so much resembling granite in external appearance; from indications on the outcrop, it is almost equal to granite in strength and endurance. This stone deserves the careful attention of engineers having in charge the construction of piers, walls and foundations exposed to ice, floods and surging ocean waves.\* When burned, it makes a strong white lime.

The sandstones of the Chester group cap the hills in the western and south-western parts of the county. The massive beds which crop out on the bluffs of the Blue river and the Ohio river in Washington and Scott townships, where undermined, sometimes break off and dash down the steep bluffs, especially in the spring when the thawing frost renders underlying rocks weak and yielding.

Many of the fallen masses still retain their sharp, well-cut angles, although the surroundings indicate an exposure to storm and ice for centuries. It is a choice stone for exposed foundations, frost and water-proof. A good grit stone, large sized grind-

\* Prof. E. T. Cox.

stones, four to five feet in diameter were obtained from Rhodes' quarry, on Blue river, and used in manufactories in Louisville, Ky., and were found to be first-class.

*Lime.*—Of course where so much limestone exists, the manufacture of lime follows as a natural consequence. Lime has been burned in Harrison county, in almost every part of it, from its earliest settlement, by log heap and other primitive methods, as well as by the more modern kilns. Years ago, when flatboats carried the commerce of the West to New Orleans, kilns for the calcining of the white oolitic stone lined the banks of the Ohio and Blue rivers, wherever that stone was obtainable along those streams; from which the burned lime was shipped as "Blue River Lime," on flatboats to the Southern planters and merchants. The trade, stopped by the late civil war, has never been revived. The lime is good; none other in the valley of the West surpasses it, and only capital and enterprise is needed to put it on the market, and make it a vast source of wealth to the county.

The immense beds of highly bituminous shaly limestone, exposed in the bluffs reaching across the great bend of the Ohio river from Brown's Landing to Cedar Grove, are inexhaustible. This stratum is here thirty to forty feet thick, and at localities on the river bank, so situated that cartage and elevators are unnecessary; all the

costly and heavy work may be chiefly done by downcasts.

*Glass Sand.*—Glaze's Landing, some fifteen miles southeast of Corydon is noted as the place from which most of the white sand is shipped for the New Albany Plate Glass Works. \* \* \* \* Glass sand occurs here as elsewhere in the county, as well as north in Floyd county, and south across the State of Kentucky in separate deposits or basins along the east or west bank of the depression, provisionally named the pre-glacial river bed. This depression trends, in this county, by a gentle curvature, and the sand banks are at the most easterly or eddy point of the curve, and just in the eastern edge of the "Flat Woods" flood plain of the supposed river. Just what connection their existence had with that river, is not clearly seen, but their peculiar location in reference to it, and the fact that in the lower beds of sand and kaolin clays beneath it are fossils which had their origin to the north, it seems at least probable, if not reasonably certain, that the current of water, which deposited them, flowed from the north of Washington and Floyd counties, with no great current, but in great volume. The deposits, commencing two miles south of Bridgeport, are in regular series, though variable in extent, down to near the extreme southern extremity of the county, near the mouth of Mosquito creek, or twelve miles long by a half to one mile wide and 400 to 450 feet above the Ohio river. In this vicinity



it lies upon Keokuk rocks, further north on a St. Louis bed, and at one point in Kentucky it caps the Chester hills; in the beds and under them are found pieces of chert and silicified fossils from each one of the groups.

At Capt. Lawson's mine, owned by W. C. DePauw, Esq., proprietor of the New Albany Glass Works, the sand is coarse, in massive strata of rough sandstone, with somewhat regular layers, but generally striated by false bedding; from the bottom of the pits fine specimens of white and yellow kaolin (Indianaite) were obtained. \* \* \* \*

After disturbance by quarrying, a slight exposure causes the stone to disintegrate. It is then washed, or rather wetted, and thrown on a platform to drain, which removes all the iron coloring matter, and the snow-white product is ready for market. Capt. Knight, who has worked these mines for eight years, says that at two of them he found streaks of black magnetic sand carrying fine gold dust in the bottom layers. \* \* \* \*

Glass sand has been opened and a few boat-loads shipped from the land of Lydia Peters and R. Krow, in the south-east part of the county. Beneath the sand, kaolin was here found as white as snow. In the flat prairie area to the east, is a large extent of red, yellow and green kaolin in persistent beds two to three feet thick, which would be of immense value if free from coloring matter, and eminently adapted to the manufacture

of ordinary pottery, ornamental terracotta and tile products. \* \* \* \*

In the northwest corner of the county, glass sand is found. It is an excellent quality of white sand and is extensively used in the works at New Albany. Similar beds of sand are found along the whole of the eastern edge of the black mucky region, locally known as the "Flat Woods." The beds are not continuous, but in pockets, and are not restricted to the Indiana side of the Ohio river, but, where reported or observed, extended along the equivalent ancient depression across the State of Kentucky in the direction of Nolin Valley and Nolin Fork of the Green river. In many places it is a massive rock, with much stratification and false bedding; ordinarily by exposure, it has passed from this condition to that of loose sand.

*Natural Gas.*—Harrison county lies in the natural gas area, of which the north side of Mead county, Ky., seems to be the center. The existence of natural gas here was known long before the present excitement arose. Prof. Cox speaks of it thus: "The gas flow, a mile below Eversol's, and half a mile above Rosewood post office, on Capt. Strong's land, is peculiar and of importance. All along the Ohio river, for a space of half a mile or more, whenever the water is not more than two to ten feet deep, bubbles may be seen hurrying upward. Near the edge of the river, it pushes its way through the muddy deposit with a restless motion; in deeper

water the discharge is greater; a continuous flow of large or small bubbles, and at places, in time of low water, in sufficient volume and force to give a rocking motion to a skiff, and in some instances threatening to overturn it. On the shore line, small springs, with gas, break out. Confined in a tube or clay chimney, the gas is often gathered and ignited; these jets burn night and day until extinguished by wind, storm or overflow, like the Gheber's holy light in the sun worshipper's land of fire, exciting the fear of boatmen, who could only wonder at a 'hole on fire.' It is a very pure carburetted hydrogen, burning with a white flame of high illuminating power and evolving great heat. The flow of gas is not confined to the river bed alone. In time of high water the ebullition of gas is noticed in the back water over the low lands, and is traced by the gas well near Buena Vista in a southwesterly direction across the country by Boone's landing, to a similar phenomenon in the bed of the river, and at the gas-salt works at Brandenburg, Ky.

"An imaginary line has been drawn across the country, connecting the points enclosing the probable area over which gas may be found by boring from 500 to 800 feet, and accompanying the gas will be a flow of salt water, but it must not be expected that a good supply of either will be found in every bore that may be made in the area. This supply of gas, of inestimable value as a fuel for

evaporating salt brine, generating steam and other economic purposes, sufficient to propel the machinery of and illuminate the streets and dwellings of a city, is now suffered to go to waste. \* \* \* Returning to Boone's Landing on the Ohio river, the line of 'gas springs', the ebullition of which has been mentioned in the bed of the river, a short distance above Rosewood post office, and which was found in the oil well near Buena Vista, is again noticed, entering the river a short distance below Tobacco Landing, and trending obliquely to the southwest, until, at Morvin, the phenomena of the bubbling gas was seen from the Indiana shore to the Brandenburg wharf. \* \* \*

The immense amount of this gas, and the possibility of its economical use for illuminating, heating, cooking, and steam purposes, induced a visit to Brandenburg, on the Kentucky side of the river. Immediately adjoining the town, and thence east to Doe Run, eight wells are reported as having been bored to depths ranging from 478 to 800 feet, and from seven of them, gas and salt water were discharged; in more than half of them the gas was in considerable quantity, and in at least two of them the brine was strong and in reasonable quantity."

Since the foregoing was written by Prof. Cox, the gas area has been greatly developed, both in Harrison county, Indiana, and in Meade county, Kentucky. There is now nearly 30,000,000 cubic feet of gas flowing daily,

and which, so far, has gone to waste. There is, however, a company formed to pipe it to Louisville, and doubtless, March 1st, 1889, will witness Louisville and New Albany supplied with natural gas, both for illuminating and heating purposes. The absence of coal in this county should make natural gas more valuable as fuel, and its close proximity to the county seat, it seems, should render it cheaper fuel than any other to be had in the town.

*Agricultural Features.*—Harrison county, notwithstanding its irregular and somewhat broken surface, is one of the finest agricultural counties in southern Indiana. In a state of nature it offered features that fairly invited the early pioneer. To the brave hunter it was a land of wild plenty. Large game was abundant. The flesh and skins fed and clothed, and, as currency, supplied every want. The fertile bottoms, "tickled with a hoe, smiled a harvest." The barrens, almost prairies in contour and freedom from trees, clothed in a luxuriant coat of grass, gave abundant pasture and forage without labor, except the gathering. Wild fruits, as the plums, grapes, haws and persimmons, walnuts, hickory nuts and chestnuts, were everywhere abundant. No wonder it was deemed a second paradise by the fathers of the State. Three-quarters of a century's cultivation, however, has robbed the soil of its virgin fertility, and it now needs artificial means to make it produce bountifully. The river and creek bottoms, consist-

ing of deep alluvial loam, annually recruited by spring overflows, still produce excellent crops, but the uplands require considerable fertilizing to pay the husbandman for cultivation. An estimate by a well informed agriculturalist places the annual return per acre from the better land as follows:

Corn, forty bushels, at forty cents per bushel, - - -	\$ 16.00
Wheat, twenty-two bushels, at one dollar per bushel, -	22.00
Hay, two tons, at fifteen dollars per ton, - - -	30.00
Potatoes, one hundred and fifty bushels, at seventy-five cents per bushel, - - -	112.50

Cabbages, fifteen hundred heads, at five cents a head, -	75.00
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On the uplands the yield is less satisfactory, and by the same authority is estimated as follows:

Corn, twenty bushels, at forty cents per bushel, - - -	\$8.00
Wheat, eight bushels, at one dollar per bushel, - - -	8.00
Potatoes, 100 bushels, at seventy-five cents per bushel, -	75.00
Hay, one ton, at fifteen dollars per ton, - - -	15.00

The agricultural report of 1880, gave the county 2,760 cultivated farms; 169,552 acres of improved lands, valued at \$4,346,411. It also shows the following productions for that year: Corn, 553,098 bushels; oats, 84,641 bushels; wheat, 350,671 bushels; orchard products, 46,739 barrels; Irish potatoes, 76,600 bushels.

Value of live stock, \$492,976; estimated value of farm products, \$785,709. "A few experiments with bone dust showed that to be a sure source of relief, on the exhausted uplands. After a continued use for several years, this fertilizer is found to nearly double the crop of corn, wheat or grass, and leave in the ground the elements, in part, of other crops. Several bone mills are established in the county, and large quantities of bone dust are brought into the county from the mills at New Albany and Louisville. Bone dust is applied at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five to two hundred and fifty pounds per acre. A careful estimate of its benefits by a thoughtful farmer gives the following showing: In the fall of 1877 there was bought and applied to the wheat crop an aggregate of 3,330 tons, costing \$30 per ton, or nearly \$100,000. This was applied to 33,300 acres of wheat; with the low estimate of an increase of four bushels of wheat per acre we find the farmers who applied the bone dust have an aggregate net profit of over \$33,000. With such results, it is apparent that the use of such fertilizers will pay and should be encouraged. It may not be improper to suggest that the use of commercial manures, when farm products bring no higher prices than they do in this county, should be only a temporary expedient. A farm should be self-sustaining. As soon as the fertility of the soil is partly restored,

attention should be given to the culture of clover and the grasses, by which, with a fair rotation of crops, the fertility of the soil may be indefinitely sustained. Blue grass and timothy, which succeed so well in the center of the State, fail in parts of this county by reason of the drouth and hot sunshine. Experience in southern Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, has shown that orchard grass, when closely seeded, will withstand drouth in partly shaded ground or open fields far better than any grass above mentioned; that when a drouth of four or five weeks would cause the blue grass to wilt and dry crisp, the orchard grass would be comparatively green and luxuriant. The advantages of this over other grasses are: 'It can be grazed two weeks earlier in the spring; its fattening qualities are equal or superior; it affords more grazing or hay to the acre; in summer it will grow more in a day than blue grass will in a week, five or six days being generally sufficient for a good bite; it makes a permanent sward for pasturage or hay, and does not run out.' A field on the Blue river, as an example, has furnished good pasture for twenty-five years, and in adjoining States, fields of orchard grass have been continuously pastured or mowed for forty years."\*

The earliest settlers of Harrison county planted apple trees; many old apple trees may be seen from two to two and a half feet in diameter. The

\*Prof. Cox.

descendants of the pioneers have kept up the practice until nearly every farm has its orchard of well selected varieties. The apples are highly colored, well ripened, and the crop usually exceeds the demand. On the elevated table lands and "flat woods" district, the apple crop is usually very large, and rarely fails. Peaches bear very well, but are not so sure a crop as apples. Of late years considerable attention has been paid to small fruits with good results, also to grape culture.

*Harrison's Valley.*—The most fertile portion, perhaps, of the county is what is known as "Harrison's Valley," west of Corydon. It derives its name from Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison, the Governor of the Indiana Territory, grandfather of the present President, and former owner of it. Every locality and plat of the rich area calls up some historic reminiscence of its original owner; one plat being known as the "Governor's field," another as the "General's meadow," etc. The valley is almost a grand amphitheatre walled by limestone hills, wrought by time into a gentle slope. In the middle of the level central area is a basin rimmed with a natural stone wall, scarce two feet high, filled with pure clear water. The ebullition in the center of the basin shows in ordinary times a great flow of water. In flood times a furious torrent, ten to fifteen feet in diameter, rolls up three to six feet above the surface level, and flows in a wondrous river one hundred feet

wide, and ten to fifteen deep. Even in seasons of protracted drought, the flow is reported as a constant stream, thirty feet wide and eight inches deep. From the spring, to the Blue river, a few hundred yards distant, there is a fall of eight feet, and the power is used to run a saw mill. In the earliest times a distillery was located near the great fountain. Says an enthusiastic writer: "Interesting and beautiful as the valley is, and no tourist has seen America without seeing this spring, it was far more beautiful and attractive robed in nature's garb of forest, vines and sward; a favorite resting place to the mystery-loving savages, it at once attracted the attention of the pioneer-General, from economic, as well as other reasons. Mills were a necessity, and to insure a rapid influx of friends and defenders, for every man and woman must be at once farmer and soldier, mills must be erected at such localities, where they could be built quickly and at the least expense, so the Governor secured the valley, and in 1805-6 erected a mill, and employed himself between campaigns, as a farmer and actual miller. Persons now living in the vicinity remember, when boys, being sent to mill on horseback with a sack of corn or wheat, which Gen. Harrison would receive with his own hands and carry to the hopper.

The General's old residence is gone; it has disappeared under the decaying hand of time. Only a few shrubs and

trees remain to mark the spot. The orchard, planted by the hand of the American Cincinnatus, survives, and though somewhat scarred by the flight of years, is still vigorous in growth and fruitage. The trees, now verging on to a century, are thrifty, and some of them nearly three feet in diameter at the ground. We shall have more to say of Gen. Harrison in these pages.

EARLY SETTLEMENT.—The settlement of Harrison county by white people dates back to the beginning of the present century. No special importance attached to the section until the capital of the territory was removed to Corydon. Hitherto, its settlement progressed slowly, much as in other portions of southern Indiana, but with the location of the capital within its limits an influx of immigration set in such as before unknown. A large proportion of the early settlers were from Virginia and North Carolina, with a few from Tennessee and Kentucky.

A little curious as to the motive which set journeying hither so many people from the States south of the Ohio, investigation develops the fact that with many it was for the purpose of escaping what is termed the "curse of caste." Indiana was a territory reposing under the provisions of the famous ordinance of 1787. Not a few of the pioneers have left their record that they sought homes here because the land would never be blemished by negro slavery, and civil and social distinctions be yielded only to those who

owned "niggers." Some of the early settlers brought negroes with them but not as slaves, or, if as slaves, they soon freed them in compliance with the ordinance above alluded to. Much the larger portion of the early settlers, however, were such as did not nor would not own slaves. They were mostly poor in worldly wealth, but rich in possibilities. They were ready to endure all the privations of a new country if a home, free and untrammelled, was the result of their toil.

Among the early settlers of the county whose names have been rescued from oblivion are: "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts his countrymen," Gen. William Henry Harrison; and Gen. Thomas Posey, Jonathan Jennings, Squire Boone and his sons Isaiah, Enoch, Moses and Jonathan, and five nephews; Henry Heth, William Branham, Thos. Smith, Laurence Black, John Hickman, Isaac Richardson, Robert Long, Wm. Pennington, Laurence Bell, Wm. Sands, Benijah Brown, Christopher Fort, Patrick Shields, John G. Pfiener, George F. Pope, John Keller, Capt. Brice, Peter Copperas, Spier Spencer, Dennis Pennington, John Smith, William Nance, George Gresham, George Crutchfield, Henry Rice, Reuben Wright, Jacob Conrad, Eli Wright, William Vest, Isaac V. Buskirk, James Shields, Pearce Chamberlain, Jos. Decker, Sanford Ransdall, Robert Cochran, Sack Pennington, George Given, Edward Smith, Richard McMahon, Andrew Johnson, John Dawson,

Paul French, Benjamin Brown, Jacob Richardson, Hays McCallen, Edward Ransdall, Bennett Wood, Joseph Latta, Peter McMickle, Richard Arnold, Jas. Stephens, Ignatius Abel, John Sturgeon, Jacob Yountzler, Joseph Nelow, Robt. Rusk, Geo. Tenor, John Harbison, Henry Wireau, Wm. Liedley, John Hurst, George Arnold, Jos. Mackfield, Jacob Miller, John Beck, Tice Light, etc., etc. Many other names might be given, but these are deemed sufficient to show who were the pioneers. Many of them still have descendants in the county.

Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison was the most prominent citizen of Harrison county, and one of the eminent men of the Union. He was born in Charles county, Va., February 9, 1773, and was a son of Benjamin Harrison, a man of considerable prominence in Virginia affairs; Speaker of the House of Burgesses in 1764 and 1777-82; a member of the general Congress 1774-77; one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and Governor of Virginia 1782-85. William Henry received a liberal education, graduating from Hampden-Sidney college, which he had entered with a view of adopting the medical profession. In 1791 he became an ensign in the army, and the next year a lieutenant on Gen. Waynes's staff. He was promoted captain in 1795 and made commandant of Fort Washington, now Cincinnati. In 1797-98 he served as secretary of the Northwest Territory, although but a few years past his

majority, and in 1799 was its delegate in the Congress of the United States. He was Governor of the Indiana territory from 1801 to 1813, and superintendent of Indian affairs, and as such, concluded thirteen important treaties and gained the battle of Tippecanoe, November 7, 1811. Kentucky made him Major General of her militia in 1812, while the Federal Government made him a Brigadier General in the regular army, and the next year (1813) made him a Major General, and as such he won great renown in the defense of Fort Meigs and the battle of the Thames, October 5, 1813. He left the army in 1814 and was employed by the government in Indian affairs until 1816 when he was elected a member of Congress from Ohio, having removed to that State, serving until 1819, and State Senator two years from that date; in 1825 he was elected to the United States Senate. He was United States Minister to Columbia in 1828-29, after which he retired to his farm at North Bend, Ohio, sixteen miles below Cincinnati; and Cincinnati-like betook himself to his plow. He was elected to the Presidency in 1840, over Martin Van Buren, receiving 234 electoral votes to Mr. Van Buren's sixty. The election was one of the most exciting ever held in the Republic up to that time. The battle-cry of "Log Cabin and Hard Cider," referring to statements of his adversaries as to his home and his favorite beverage, were effectively used by the Whigs, the party to which the Gen-

eral belonged, and carried him to an overwhelming victory. These are some of the public services of General Harrison; and the fact that he is the grandfather of the present President detracts nothing from his name or fame. He died on the 4th of April, 1841, just one month from the day of his inauguration as President. Many local incidents of the life of Gen. Harrison are given in Harrison county, which was named for him, showing how absolutely he was a man of the people.

Gen. Posey and Gov. Jennings were not permanent citizens of the county, but merely residents during their official careers. Their history can scarcely be said to belong in the history of Harrison county. They were men of intelligence and patriotism, and the virtues of each are perpetuated by a county in the State, bearing their names. The following publication in a newspaper in October, 1888, referring to Gov. Jennings, should find an echo in every patriotic heart, and is not out of place in this sketch:

"At the next session of the Indiana Legislature a vigorous effort will be made to have the Assembly pass an act appropriating a sufficient amount of money to erect a suitable monument over the grave of Jonathan Jennings, the first Governor of the State. The body now lies interred in an abandoned little graveyard at Charlestown without stone or slab to indicate the location. The mound has long since disappeared, and it is hardly probable that there is any one now living who

can point out the exact spot where the bones of the first executive of one of the chief States in the Union now lie.

At one time, the cemetery was little better than an open commons, and hogs, cattle and fowls roamed at will over the grounds. Of late years a fence has been placed around the place and the weeds kept in bounds. Although the spot at present but little resembles a home of the dead, it is still kept sacred, and but few people are allowed to sojourn in the town any length of time without being reminded that Gov. Jennings lies buried there.

Many efforts have been made to obtain, by private subscription, the needed funds to erect a marble shaft, but nothing ever resulted from the attempts. It is not expected that any costly pillar will be placed at the head of the grave, but it is thought that the State should have sufficient pride to expend a few hundred dollars for the purpose. If this is not done, in the course of a few generations it will not be known to the general mass of people of the State, who the first Governor of it was. As it is, at the present, there are thousands of persons who could not answer the question if it was propounded to them, or tell where his remains are interred.

Gov. Jennings has been dead fifty-four years, and with the death of each pioneer his memory passes that far out of recollection. Besides holding the highest office of the State, Gov. Jennings was Grand Master of the Order of Free Masons, from October, 1823,



to October, 1826, and it has recently been suggested that this fraternity should use its influence to carry out the contemplated action."

JONATHAN JENNINGS, Governor of Indiana, was born near Hunterdon, New Jersey. He received an academic education and removed to the Northwest Territory late in the last century. When the Territory of Indiana was organized he became the first delegate, taking his seat after some opposition. He was three times elected, and when Indiana became a State he was its first Governor. In this office he served for six years, also acting as Indiana Commissioner in 1818, by appointment of President Monroe. At the conclusion of his term as Governor he was elected Representative in Congress, and was re-chosen for four terms in succession. He was nearly all his life in public office, and filled his places acceptably. He died near Charlestown, July 26, 1834.

Squire Boone, who emigrated from Kentucky to Harrison county, in 1806, with his sons, Isaiah, Enoch, Moses and Jonathan, and five nephews, formed a settlement known as "Boone's settlement," in what is now Boone township. For years he lived a quiet life in this retired locality, hunting and enjoying himself in his favorite pastime. When he died, he was buried in a cave in this county, reference to which has already been made in these pages. The name of Boone is so interwoven with the his-

tory of Kentucky, that even the surrounding states seem to gather luster from the name.

Others of the early settlers of the county were more or less prominent men in its early history. Spier Spencer, the first Sheriff, held other important positions, and was Captain of a company in the battle of Tippecanoe, where he was killed. Geo. F. Pope was the first clerk of the common pleas court, and Moses Boone was one of the Judges of the same court, etc., etc.

*Slavery.*—The Indiana Territory, as has already been stated, was organized under the ordinance of 1787, which prohibited the introduction of slavery into any of the domains of the Northwest Territory, and as we have seen, many of the early settlers came here to escape the evils of negro slavery. Some few, however, brought negroes with them, and if slaves, at once took steps to liberate or emancipate them. The old court records are encumbered with many entries on the subject, which no doubt will be of interest to the reader of to-day. The following, under date of January 14, 1809, will serve as a sample. "This day, John Smith and a negro man named Jacob Ferrell, aged about thirty-four years, and lately held by the said John Smith in the State of North Carolina as a slave, came before me, Clement Nance, Clerk pro tem of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Harrison, and it is agreed, by and between the said John Smith

and the said Jacob Ferrell, that the said Jacob Ferrell is to serve the said John Smith, his heirs, etc., from the date hereof, until the 14th day of January, 1822, and as a compensation for such services the said John Smith engages to give unto the said Jacob Ferrell on demand one gray mare four years old, named "Til," and a red cow with a white face, as prescribed by a law of this territory, entitled an act concerning the introduction of negroes and mulattoes into this territory."

"Attest: CLEMENT NANCE."

"Know all men by these presents, that I, Clement Nance, of Harrison county, Indiana Territory, do this day make the following statement and commit to record in the Clerk's office of said county, to-wit: In the year 1799, when I was an inhabitant of Pittsylvania county, Virginia, for and in consideration of the sum of \$200 to me in hand paid by a certain negro man named "Will," as a compensation to me for the service I was entitled to receive from him as a slave, and that I did then and there emancipate or set free the said negro, Will, who has ever since enjoyed the blessings of freedom, and the said negro man is no resident in this territory. I do by these presents confirm and establish his emancipation.

"Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of May, 1809."

"CLEMENT NANCE."

Indiana Territory, }  
Harrison county. } Sec. 18, May 1809.

"This day Clement Nance came personally before me, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for said county, and acknowledged and delivered the within instrument of writing to be his act and deed. Wherefore I have admitted the same to record in my office."

"GEO. F. POPE, Clerk."

*Act of Assembly.*—It has been said that the native American mind tends toward self-government as naturally as the babe turns to the maternal font for nourishment. The early organization of Harrison county, when the entire Territory of Indiana had but a few thousand population and but two counties, is proof of that proposition. It was the third county formed, and came into existence during the Territorial period. Following is the act of the Legislature creating it:

AN ACT TO FORM A NEW COUNTY OUT OF THE COUNTIES OF KNOX AND CLARK.

1. *Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the first day of December next, all that part of the Counties of Knox and Clark, which is included in the following boundaries, shall form and constitute a new county, that is to say: Beginning at the point on the river Ohio, where the meridian line from which the ranges take number, strikes the same; thence due north to the present Indiana boundary line; thence with

the said boundary line to the intersection of the same, by the line which divides the fourth and fifth ranges east; thence with the latter to the above mentioned boundary line, between the Jeffersonville and Vincennes districts, and with the same to the intersection of the line dividing the fifth and the sixth ranges; thence with the said range line until it strikes the Ohio river, and thence down the same, with the meanders thereof to the place of beginning.

2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said county shall, from and after the said first day of December next, be known and designated by the name and style of the County of Harrison, and it shall enjoy all the rights, privileges and jurisdictions, which to a separate county do or may properly appertain and belong: *Provided always*, That all suits, pleas, complaints, actions and proceedings, which may, before the said first day of December, have been commenced, instituted and depending within the now counties of Knox and Clark, shall be prosecuted to final judgment and effect in the same manner as if this act had never been passed. *And provided also*, That the Territorial and county levies or taxes, which are now due within the bounds of the said new county, shall be collected and paid in the same manner, and by the same officers, as they would have been if the erection of said new county had not taken place.

3. *Be it further enacted*, That the

pages of the General Court, or some one or more of them, shall hold a Circuit Court in the said county on the last Monday of May, annually; and that the terms of the Common Pleas of the said county, wherein business of a civil and criminal nature is transacted, shall be at the following annual periods, to-wit: On the second Wednesdays of January and May, and the third Wednesday of September; and the three other annual sessions thereof, which are intended by law for county purposes, at the following periods, to-wit: On the second Wednesdays of March, July and November.

4. *And be it further enacted*, That in compliance with the wishes of the good people within the bounds of the said new county, the said seat of justice thereof, shall be and is hereby at the town of Corydon.

JESSE B. THOMAS,

Speaker, House of Representatives.

JOHN RICE JONES,

President of the Legislative Council.

*Approved*, October 11, 1808.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

*The County Organized.* — The county was formally organized under the above act, and the municipal machinery duly set in motion. The first term of the Court of Common Pleas was held in 1809. The first page of the record is gone, and on the second page the first entry is: "Spier Spencer produced a commission from the Governor of the Territory, appoint-

ing him Sheriff for the said county."

Moses Boone was sworn in as the third Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. The first grand jury impaneled in the county was sworn in as follows: Dennis Pennington, foreman, and John Smith, Wm. Nance, George Gresham, Reuben Wright, Tice Light, Henry Rice, Geo. Crutchfield, John Livanks, Jacob Conrad, Eli Wright, Wm. Vest, Edward Smith, Lawrence Black, John Smith, Sr., William Braubam, Isaac Richardson, John Hickman, Lawrence Bell, William Pennington and William Sands. As the records quaintly note it, "were sworn as a Grand Jury for the United States, in and for the body of the County of Harrison, and having received their charge from Thos. Randolph, Attorney-General for the Indiana Territory, retired from the bar to consult of and make up their presentments and indictments."

Three indictments were returned by the grand jury, to-wit: One against Benijah Brown, and Polly his wife, for living together as man and wife, when each had a wife and husband living; also against James Bruce for "firing the woods;" also against Christopher Fort and Phœbe Elder for living together in adultery. Whereupon, the grand jury having nothing further to present, were discharged.

At the April term of court, there were present, Patrick Shields, John G. Pfeiner and Moses Boone, judges. The first thing done at this term was

ordering the county levy as follows:

To James Shields, for building a jail, - - -	\$200.00
" James Shields, for clearing public grounds, - - -	29.75
" Philip Bell, for a wolf scalp, - - - - -	.75
" John Smith, for a wolf scalp, - - - - -	.75
" John Smith, for two wolf scalps, - - - - -	1.50
" Mrs. Branham, per acc't,	3.25
" Geo. T. Pope, clerk, for office services, - - -	30.00
" Lane, per account, - - -	14.50
" Spier Spencer, for extra office service, - - -	50.00
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	\$330.50

By county levy, \$409.20

" Sheriff's commission for collecting, - 32.56½

It was ordered that the sheriff of Harrison county collect agreeable to law, etc. On each horse, mare, etc., above three years old a tax of fifty cents was levied; on each "stud horse" the rates of the season; on each ferry, except Geo. Doup's, four dollars—on Geo. Doup's ferry two dollars; on each tavern licensed four dollars; on each \$100 land valuation ten dollars. It was ordered that taverns be rated as follows:

For each one quart of whiskey, 37½ cents; for each one quart of "bounce," 37½ cents; for each one quart of brandy, (French,) 50 cents; for each, one quart of brandy, (peach), 37½ cents; for each one pint of bounce,

25 cents; for each one pint of brandy, (French), 25 cents; for each one pint of brandy, (peach), 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  cents; for each one-half pint of brandy, (French), — cents; for each one-half pint of brandy, (peach), 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents; for a breakfast, dinner and supper, each 25 cents; for cold breakfast, dinner and supper, each 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  cents; horse, one night stabling and hay, 25 cents; for feed of grain, per gallon, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents; lodging, per night, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

The following appears at this term of the court: George T. Pope, as clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for Harrison county, with John Harbison and Dennis Pennington as securities, entered into bond in the penalty of \$1000, payable to the Governor of the Indiana Territory, etc.

Some of the entries in the quaint old court records sound a little amusing to us at this day, with four-score years resting on them. The following for instance:

Ordered that the "mark" of John Lapp, to-wit: A "crop" off the right ear and an "under-bit" in the same ear, and that his "brand," to-wit: "H" be admitted to record.

Ordered that John Hickman's "mark", to-wit: A "crop" off the left ear, and "under-bit" and "upper-bit" in the right ear be admitted to record.

Ordered that the "mark" of Tice Light, to-wit: A "crop" off the right ear and an "under-bit" in the left ear be admitted to record.

Ordered that the "mark" of Edward Smith, to-wit: A "smooth crop" off

the right ear and a "half crop" off the left ear in the underside, be admitted to record.

Ordered that the "mark" of Eli Wright, to-wit: A "crop" and "under-bit" off the left ear, and that his "brand" to-wit: "E" on the near shoulder be admitted to record.

Ordered that the "mark" of Lawrence Bell, to-wit: A "hole" in the left ear, and a "half crop" in the under side of right ear, and his "brand" to-wit: "L. B.," be admitted to record.

Ordered that the "mark" of Benjamin Brown, to-wit: An "under-bit" in the right ear and a "swallow fork" in the left ear be admitted to record.

For the benefit of the generation coming on, who are ignorant of what was termed "marks" of stock, by our pioneer fathers, a word of two of explanation is given herewith. A "mark" consisted of chipping or cutting the ears of stock so that it might be known by the owner. Two men in the same immediate neighborhood could not have the same mark, and for this reason, when a man selected or adopted a "mark," he reported it in court, where it was ordered to record, and this prevented any one else in his neighborhood "infringing" on it. In the early times when everybody let their stock run at large, "marks" were necessary that each man might know and recognize his own animals. An "under-bit" was a small notch cut in the under edge of the ear; an "overbit" the same except it was cut in the upper edge. A "crop"

was the tip end of the ear clipped off; a "half-crop" the ear split at the end, and half of it clipped off; a "swallow fork" was a notch cut in the end of the ear, etc.

*Townships Laid Off.*—The first account we have of townships being laid off was at a term of court held March 9th, 1809, a record of which is as follows: "Ordered that the county of Harrison be laid off into townships, and that one township shall begin on the west county line, and run with the lines dividing township 3 and 4, to the second of the second range; thence one mile south, thence east with the section line to the east county line—to lay on the south of the said section line, and shall be called Exeter Township.

"That another township shall begin at the west county line on the boundary line between the Vincennes and Jeffersonville districts of public lands, and to run with said boundary to the east county line, thence with said county line to the corner of Exeter township, thence with Exeter township to the west county line, thence with the same to the beginning, and shall be called Harrison township.

"All north of the boundary line, between the Vincennes and Jeffersonville district of Public lands, shall be one township, and shall be called Washington township."

The first information we have of an election in the county is embraced in the following order:

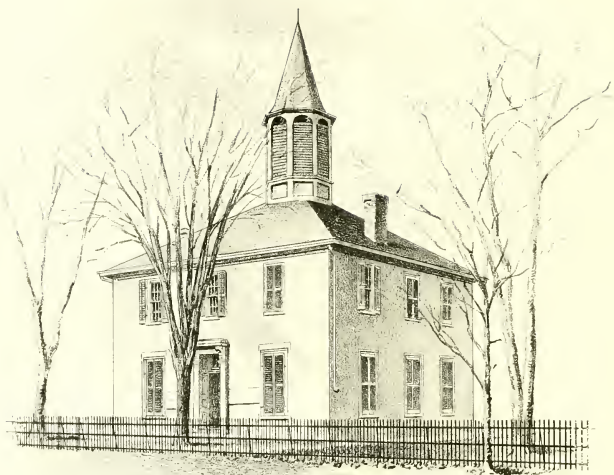
"Ordered that an election for Rep-

resentative, for Harrison county, to serve in the General Assembly of the Indiana Territory shall be held at the house of Mr. John Kellar, in Exeter township; at the house of Mr. Peter Copperas in Harrison township, and at the house of Capt. Beck in Washington township, agreeably to a law of said Territory, authorizing a division of the counties in the same into election townships."

On the 10th of March, 1809, under order of the Court, George Pfreiner, Spier Spencer and Geo. F. Pope were appointed commissioners to draft plans for a jail, and let the contract to the lowest bidder, April next, for building the same. The Sheriff was ordered to let to the lowest bidder the contract to clear off one lot of the public ground in Corydon, and the streets adjacent to it, and to build a strong pound on the public ground agreeable to law.

At the April term of court, a jail was ordered built on the following plan: "Foundation of stone, sunk six inches in the ground and appear six inches above the ground; four sills of good oak or honey locust, the side sills to face eighteen inches one way, and twelve the other, laid flat on the stone foundation, the jail to be twenty feet by twelve, the side and end logs to be fifteen inches square, of good sound timber, with "dove-tailed" notches, a partition of good sound timber (oak, beech, or honey locust) hewed 15 inches square, the lower floor of the same kind of timber,





The old State Capitol at Gorydon. 1813 to 1825.



hewed fifteen inches square, the upper floor of same kind of timber, hewed twelve inches square, laid close with plates on the same, the jail to be one story high, a roof of joint shingles nailed on, two doors, one in the end, the other in the partition, the shutters of two-inch oak plank, doubled, with four spikes in each cross-plank, to have good strong locks, a grate in each room, the bars firm, twelve inches long, etc., all to be finished by the first day of next November court."

The second grand jury impaneled in the county was at the May term of the Common Pleas Court, and consisted of Richard M. Heth, foreman, Isaac V. Buskirk, James Shields, Pearce Chamberlin, Joseph Decker, George Gresham, Sanford Ransdall, Robt. Cochran, Sack Pennington, George Given, Edward Smith, Richard McMahan, Andrew Johnson, John Dawson, Paul French, Benj. Brown, and Isaiah D. Boone. They were "sworn as grand jurors," as the old records put it, "for the United States, for the body of Harrison county, and having received their charge retired from the bar to consult and to make up their presentations and indictments."

The above will doubtless suffice as samples of the early court proceedings. Vast changes have taken place since the courts were held from which these extracts are made, and the courts themselves have changed as much as anything else.

*The Capital.*—Corydon, the seat of justice, and the legal and commercial center of the county, dates back to 1808, and was founded by Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison. It is beautifully situated in a valley, at the junction of Big and Little Indian Creeks, and is about twenty-five miles from New Albany by rail, and ten miles from the Ohio river at the nearest point. Many evidences of its age are seen in the hoary trees growing in yards and lawns, and along the streets, and on Indian Creek, which latter are said to have been planted there to protect the banks. They now present a unique appearance as they guard and protect the boundaries of farms, and evince an age of improvement not elsewhere seen in the State. Few towns in Indiana perhaps, as old as Corydon, present as handsome and youthful appearance. Her four-score years sit lightly upon her, and the stranger would never dream that she is reeling off the last quarter of her century. Old towns are usually known by tumble-down, dilapidated buildings, which show the "ivy clinging to their moldering towers," or "hoary lichens springing from the disjointed stones," while general decay seems to prevail everywhere, and mocked by universal desolation, "the bat, shrill shrieking, woes its flickering mate," and the "serpent hisses and the wild bird screams." Not so is Corydon. There is nothing to indicate its age but the grand old trees which spread their gigantic arms, sheltering over the town. An air of

thrift prevails, indicating a permanent and well-founded prosperity.

Corydon, as stated, was laid out by Gen. Harrison in 1808. In the old court records, under date of March 9, 1809, we find the following:

"Henry Heth and Wm. Henry Harrison came personally into court and acknowledged themselves indebted to the Court of Common Pleas of Harrison county in the sum of \$500; provided the said Heth and Harrison do not on or before June, 1812, convey by a good and sufficient deed to the said court, for the use of the said county, for public ground, two lots in the town of Corydon in said county, containing one acre and four perches each, being heretofore laid off by them for the public ground in said town." This seems to have been the original plat of the town, and when it was laid off, none perhaps dreamed it would ever become the capital of the State.

In 1811 a substantial court house was built, which is still standing, and is being used for holding of the courts. It is the old fashioned style of architecture, followed almost universally in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, fifty to a hundred years ago in court house buildings, being square, the roof running up to a point in the center, or a cupola. This building is forty feet square, two stories high and of blue limestone in irregular courses, from four to ten inches thick. It stands as firm and solid as if it was good for another four score years. The window sills are of a buff or

yellow stone, which is found near Salisbury, some ten miles from Corydon, and which, when quarried, is so soft that it may be hewed to any shape with an axe or cut with a hand-saw, but which hardens on exposure to the sun and air. Corydon became the seat of government of the Indiana territory in 1813 under the administration or about its close, of acting Gov. Gibson. Following is the act for its removal:

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT FROM THE TOWN OF VINCENNES TO THE TOWN OF CORYDON, IN THE COUNTY OF HARRISON.

1. *Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the first day of May next, the seat of Government of the Indiana territory shall be and the same is hereby fixed and established in the town of Corydon, until altered by law; and it shall be the duty of all officers and all other persons in any way concerned in administering the government of said territory, and all persons whose duty it is to be at the seat of government of the said territory, or whose functions are or ought to be exercised at the said seat of government, to remove the books, records, papers and proceedings of whatever nature or kind they may be, in anywise relating to their offices, to the said town of Corydon, in the said county of Harrison, or before the said first day of May next, and it shall be the duty of all

the said officers, and all persons whose duty it is to be and attend at the seat of government, to be and attend at the said town of Corydon, in the county of Harrison, from and after the said first day of May next, then and there to attend to, perform, and do whatsoever to their said offices doth belong or in any wise appertain; and all persons in any wise concerned are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly.

There are several other sections of the act which pertain to the removal of the courts, etc., and are not of interest here.

There is a tradition among the people of Corydon, that the first session of the Legislature held in their town after the removal of the capital, was held under a large elm tree standing above the railroad depot, on a sort of by-street, or rather in it, for it stands in the middle of the street. This must be incorrect. Dillon's History of Indiana says: "By an act which was approved on the 11th of March, the seat of Government of the Indiana Territory was declared to be fixed at the town of Corydon, 'from and after the first day of May, 1813.' After a session of about forty days, the General Assembly, in conformity with a joint resolution of both houses, was prorogued by a proclamation of Gov. Gibson, to meet at Corydon, on the first Monday of December, 1813." It is not likely then, that the Legislature held its first session under the "said elm tree," as it would make rather an

"airy" chamber for the winter months even in this latitude. But, not to spoil a pretty tradition, there was a called session of the Legislature during the next summer (1814) and as the elm tree in question, stood directly in front of the house in which the first two or three sessions of the Legislature were held, what is more probable then, that the Solons, when they became heated in debating the "weighty measures of State," they should retire to the inviting shade of the hoary elm, where they would not only have more air, but more room. The tree is a most magnificent one, at least five feet in diameter just above the ground; not less than a hundred feet in diameter from tip to tip of its longest boughs, and when clothed in a full robe of summer foliage would lack little of sheltering the present Legislature of the State. However, the tree is three-quarters of a century older than it was when it served as a Legislative chamber.

Three years after the capital was removed to Corydon, (in 1816) Indiana became a State, and the town continued to be the capital until 1825, when it was removed to Indianapolis. Following is the full text of the report of the commissioners appointed under act of the Legislature of the State, to locate a permanent seat of Government:

*Report.*—"That in conformity of a proclamation of Jonathan Jennings, Governor of said State, the undersigned met at the house of William

Connor, on the west fork of the White river, and after having taken the oaths of affirmations respectively required by law, proceeded to the execution of the duties assigned them by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled 'an act to locate the permanent seat of Government of Indiana,' approved January 11, 1820. In discharging their duty to the State, the undersigned have endeavored to connect with an eligible site, the advantages of a navigable stream and fertility of soil, while they have not been unmindful of the geographical situation of the various portions of the State to its political center as regards both the present and future interests of its citizens. The undersigned commissioners as aforesaid, in pursuance of the act of the General Assembly above mentioned, and of an act of Congress, entitled 'An act to enable the people of the Indiana Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for admission of such State into the Union upon an equal footing with the other States and for other purposes,' and also respecting the location of certain sections of land, to be granted for the seat of Government in the State of Indiana, proceeded to select and locate, and have selected and located as a permanent site for the seat of Government, for and on behalf of the said State, two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land, equal to four entire sections, being sections numbered one and twelve, east and west fractional sections num-

bered two, east fractional sections numbered eleven, and as much of the east part of west fractional section numbered three, to be set off by a north and south line, as will complete the quantity of two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land as aforesaid, in township fifteen of range three east.

Given under our hands, this 7th day of June, 1820.

GEORGE HURST,  
JOHN CONNOR,  
STEPHEN LUDLOW,  
JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW,  
JOHN TIFTON,  
JOHN GILELAND,  
THOS. EMERSON,  
FREDERICK RAPP,  
JESSE B. DURHAM.

*Attest:* B. J. BLYTHE, Clerk.

Corydon, although eighty years old, and once the capital of the State, is still a small place. The United States census of 1830 gave it 763 population, and it has probably increased but little since. Judging by the increase in population of the county, which, in 1860, had 18,551 population; in 1870 it had 19,913, and in 1880 it had 21,326, it is very little larger than it was at the beginning of the civil war. Though slow in growth, its growth has been substantial, as seen in the character of public buildings, churches and private residences.

In addition to the old capitol building, used for a court house, the county has erected on the public square, a

handsome, modern, two-story brick building for public offices, which comprise as elegant, commodious and secure offices as may be found in any county in the State. Few counties, too, have a more elegant school-house than that which does credit to the town of Corydon. Several handsome churches grace the place, and beautiful residences are to be seen on every street. The business is equal to that of any inland town of its size in the southern part of the State. An editorial in the *Western Argus* of May 6, 1851, thus sings the praises of Corydon:

“There are some things for which our town is particular adapted, and to these objects our attention and our energies should be directed. There is no place better situated for schools than Corydon in the whole southern portion of Indiana. Its location is just suited to that purpose. It lies in the bend of the Ohio river, which flows within twelve miles of us on the south and west, and eighteen miles on the east; off the line of any great thoroughfare, in the midst of a pleasant rural district, and within a few hours' drive of New Albany and Louisville; nestled down between the hills, in a delightful little valley through which flows on the south and west of the town, two clear, bright streams of water; surrounded by beautiful scenery; about us on every side smiling farms, and forests laden in spring-time with the rich perfume of wild flowers and vocal with songs of birds, which may be enjoyed free of charge and

without the unpleasant surroundings of a crowded concert room. The village and neighborhood is remarkably healthy; during the prevalence of the cholera for the last two years we did not have a single case. Our community, both in town and neighborhood, is moral and intellectual. We already have two good schools, under the direction of competent and skillful teachers, and everything else to make it a pleasant place of residence.”

ELIZABETH is one of the most thriving villages in the county, outside of the county seat. It is situated in a southeasterly direction from Corydon, some twelve miles distant, on section 33 of Posey township. An excellent farming region surrounds it, with a gently undulating or level continuation of the prairie-like “flat woods.” It contains the usual mercantile, manufacturing and mechanical establishments necessary for the accommodation of the surrounding community. By the census of 1880, it had a population of 282 souls.

BRIDGEPORT is situated on the Ohio river, about fifteen miles from Corydon, in the north-east corner of Posey township. It is a small place, located in a fertile valley, though a narrow one, and its principal business is shipping by river. There are the usual business houses, etc., common in small river towns.

MIDDLETOWN, OR NEW MIDDLETOWN, as commonly called, is situated on the road to Elizabeth, and about half way from that place to Corydon. It is in

Webster township, on section 14, and is just east of the eastern boundary of the "barrens." It is a growing village, settled mostly by German citizens, who are industrious, thriving and economical, and are building up a prosperous community. The village is surrounded by a rich, prairie-like plain, divided into good-sized, well-arranged farms, yielding wheat profusely, good corn and hay crops, also choice fruits. The village has the usual mercantile and mechanical establishments of small country villages in agricultural neighborhoods.

BUENA VISTA is a small cross roads village in Taylor township, some twenty miles south-east of Corydon. The region around about it is somewhat rough and hilly, and more adapted to fruits than to agriculture. The neighborhood is noted as being the place where the Harrison county aerolite fell in 1859. The circumstances of this phenomenon, which should be of considerable interest in the history of Harrison county, are something as follows: "About four o'clock in the afternoon of the 28th of March, a slight glare was observed by a few of the residents, although such phenomena are usually noticed only from ten to fifteen miles away; this was followed by loud bursting reports, succeeded by continuous reverberations along and across the deep valleys and high ridges, which seemed to some of the hearers to equal the discharge of many batteries of heavy artillery in continued succession. On

the spot the terror was intense; the flash of fire and frightful explosion, followed by a rushing, rattling noise in the air, and the crashing and tearing of the fragments against the trees, are to this day vivid in the memory of the older inhabitants. Mrs. Goldsmith saw one of the pieces fall on the road in front of her house, and picked it up while still warm. She said that not one of the men, women and children were frightened, but dogs ran howling to their masters for protection; birds were first paralyzed and then driven in furious flight; horses snorted in agony of fear, and cattle bellowed in wild confusion." This smacks much of Joe Mulhatton, but the fact that it occurred before Joe arose to such notoriety in the fields of *romance*, relieves him of the burden of bearing it. This differs from Joe's wonderful stories in this regard—it is true.

The following account was written on the spot immediately after the fall of the meteorite, by Dr. E. S. Crosier, now of New Albany, and a scientist, whose veracity is unquestioned: "On the 28th of March, 1859, about four o'clock p. m., three loud reports in rapid succession, resembling the discharge of artillery, were heard in Harrison and adjoining counties. The reports were preceded by a sudden glare of light, peculiar, and by no means like a flash of lightning. There was a dark cloud overhead at the time, and the reports were followed by a long rumbling sound, which proceeded in a south-

west direction, lasting probably a minute and a half. The peculiar reports were matters of conversation with every one, and we were not surprised to hear that a fall of aerolites had occurred in Taylor township, Harrison county."

I at once resolved to investigate the matter and secure specimens, if possible; many and marvellous were the stories in circulation in the neighborhood. Such a superstitious dread prevailed among the people that but little effort was made to recover the fragments, most of which had penetrated some little distance into the earth. Several pieces fell in the dooryard of John Lamb; a small boy saw one of them fall and dug it out of the ground. It was about three inches long and of an oblong shape. A fragment, picked up by Mrs. Kelley, near Buena Vista, was brought to me; it had been broken after the fall, and presented a very peculiar appearance. It was covered externally with a thin crust resembling a coating of bitumen. The inner portion was of a light gray color, and interspersed with bright metallic specks. It possessed magnetic properties in an eminent degree, the external coating appearing to attract the magnet with greater energy than the internal portion. It weighed 167.5 grains, troy, and had a specific gravity of 3.438. Robt. Somers procured for me a much larger piece, which weighed one pound and three ounces, avoirdupois; it was 4.4 inches long and 2.3 inches through its short-

est diameter. It also attracted the magnetic needle, which proved the presence of iron. This piece was dug up at Buena Vista by Mr. Goldsmith, and had the same external dark crust and internal gray appearance as the small fragment first described. But four pieces were found, although a great number must have fallen, as over an area of about four miles square, almost every individual testified to having heard the hissing noise made by the falling fragments; it having occurred at a favorable time in the day for observation—about four o'clock, p. m.

"Three or four loud reports, like the bursting of bomb shells, were the first intimation of anything unusual; a number of smaller reports followed. The stones were seen to fall immediately after the first loud explosion. Some who were in the woods distinctly heard the stones striking amongst the trees. A peculiar hissing noise was heard, during the fall of the stones, for miles around. As a lady described it, 'the air seemed as if it had, at once, become filled with thousands of hissing serpents.' Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Crawford were standing in their dooryard at the time, and hearing a loud hissing sound, looked up and saw an aerolite fall just before them, burying itself four inches in the ground. They immediately dug it up. It did not possess any warmth, but had a sulphurous smell. Another, which they did not find, fell near them.

"Two sons of John Lamb were out near the barn, when their attention was attracted by a loud, hissing noise, noise, and immediately a stone fell near them, penetrating some three or four inches into the hard earth. This was of an oblong shape, about three inches in length, and not more than a half inch—and was quite warm when first taken from the ground. The general appearance and composition of this was the same as those above described. Another fell in newly plowed ground near by, but they were unable to find it."

Many different descriptions of the strange phenomenon was given at the time, and the impression created was quite as varied, according to the intelligence, education or superstition of the witnesses to it. Dr. J. C. Clark, at Buck creek bridge, eight miles north of Buena Vista, and B. P. Douglas, Esq., at Corydon, in describing the meteoric occurrence, say there was a rushing, whistling windy noise, then a rattling, roaring sound like the stampede of Gen. Pope's wagon train driving recklessly over a wooden bridge, then the explosion for a minute, like the rapid discharge of a park of artillery, followed by the prolonged, rolling reverberations, passing from the southwest to the northeast. A scientific analysis of the specimens was made by the late Prof. J. Lawrence Smith, of Louisville, but it would only be of interest to the scientist; hence, it is omitted from this sketch.

LACONIA is a pleasant and prosperous little village in Boone township, twelve miles from Corydon, as the crow flies, and almost a due south course. It is on the divide between Mosquito and Buck Creeks, and in section 32. It is not more than two miles from Tobacco Landing, on the Ohio river, which is its shipping point. This is in the Harrison county natural gas region, and when natural gas is properly developed, Laconia may become a great manufacturing town. Corn, grass and fruits are the principal crops grown in the surrounding country.

Tobacco Landing was designed by its speculative proprietors for the most important trading point on the river. Warehouses and all other appointments for a town were prepared sufficient for the transaction of all the business of the neighboring region. But trade would not come, and to-day it is nothing more than a steamboat landing. It is noted principally for having been the boyhood home of the great traveller and author, J. Ross Browne. Doubtless, it was the beautiful scenery of the Ohio river hills, that educated his mind to an appreciation of natural scenes of beauty.

An enthusiastic writer thus describes the region round about Tobacco Landing: "From the top of this southern promontory of the State, 410 feet above the Ohio river, a fine outlook is enjoyed; the ever beautiful Ohio circles in a broad sweep, comprising



miles of river scenery equaling the historic waters of the Rhine: sometimes a mad, rushing torrent, at others a quiet, sleeping expanse. Beyond, in Kentucky, the Muldrow range of hills are built up against the sky ten to thirty miles away, while six great, sharp, conical, isolated, monument-like knobs, the result of past erosive energy, seem to pierce the blue heavens, solemn in their silent loneliness, and a measure of the ages necessary to remove, by denudation, a thousand feet of overlying strata." It was amid such scenes, that were nurtured the longings which were embodied in Browne's first public sketches. The neighbors, in kind remembrance of him, named his favorite retreat, "Ross Browne's Gulch." It was thus described by the writer, quoted from above: "The walls are steep or precipitous, of banded limestone, over three hundred feet high. Remote from the intrusion of domestic animals, the original growth of plants, feathery ferns flourish in profusion on the shaded benches and eaves. Each escarped band of rock was festooned with trailing creepers and clinging lichens, while the steep face of Douglas' Pinnacle would always excite a boy's dreams of romance."

MAUCKPORT is a flourishing little river village. It is situated on the Ohio about three miles below Brandenburg, the capital of Meade county, Ky., and about fifteen miles from Corydon. The country is broken and hilly around Mauckport; fruit is

grown extensively, and corn and wheat are the principal crops.

NEW AMSTERDAM is pleasantly situated on the Ohio river, eight or ten miles below Mauckport. There is a good farming region adjacent to it, the rich Ripperden and Grassy valleys being tributary, and the farmers of those fertile sections making this their trading and shipping point. The village has all the mercantile and mechanical establishments common to a thriving place of its "dimensions."

VALLEY CITY is a hamlet about three miles east of Amsterdam.

LANESVILLE, next to Elizabeth, is the largest village in the county outside of Corydon. It is nestled in the deep valley of Indian Creek, on section 20 of Franklin township, and was named for Gen. Lane. It is situated on the New Albany and Corydon turnpike road, about ten miles from Corydon, and by the census of 1880 it had 280 inhabitants. It is settled mostly by Germans with a German settlement around it. The people are industrious, economical and well-to-do, with a good number of stores and shops of different kinds to supply all their simple wants. The neighborhood is noted as having been a favorite resort of the savages, and the older citizens remember when there were many relics of the aborigines to be seen about where the village stands. When the first whites came to the county they discovered the little saline spring or "seep" at this spot. It attracted the attention of Gen. Harrison, who opened

a primitive well and tested the water. The well was merely a hollow tree "gum" sunk some depth in the soft spongy ground. When the water was tested it was found that one gallon of the brine would, on evaporation, yield three-quarters of a pound of good salt. It was never utilized to make salt, however, as a general business.

BRECKINRIDGE is a small place on the turnpike between Lanesville and Corydon, three miles from Lanesville.

PALMYRA is situated in the extreme northern part of the county on the New Albany and Vincennes turnpike road, and is twelve miles due north of Corydon on an air line. It is surrounded by a level or gently undulating plateau of well cultivated land, originally known as "barrens," which show some fine meadows and pastures and occupied by thrifty farmers. The village is a flourishing one, with the usual stores and shops common to places of its size and demands. This is a fine fruit section. The orchards are among the finest in the county, highly productive, the trees being annually loaded with apples and peaches of excellent quality. Palmyra Lake near by, is a picturesque little sheet of water, covering twelve to fifteen acres and about the depth of fourteen feet of water. The old Indian trail from Louisville via Paoli to Vincennes passes by the south side of the lake, and the number of flint arrow heads and flint chips formerly to be found here, show that the lake was a favorite resort of the savages.

BRADFORD is a small village in this same township (Morgan) that Palmyra is located in.

NEW SALISBURY is a small village on the road leading from Corydon to Palmyra, about midway between the two places. It is in Jackson township scarcely a mile north of the Airline railroad, which fact will prevent it from ever being a great city.

BYRONVILLE is a small place in the northeast part of the same township, about five miles from New Salisbury.

FRENCHTOWN, in the north part of Spencer township, is a unique little village about ten miles northwest of Corydon. It was established by the Buckhardt or Bogard family, who induced about fifty families from France to settle contiguous to it. They are quiet, industrious citizens, possessing all the courtesy characteristic of their nation. Many of them cultivate vineyards and make wine; some of the vineyards are valuable, productive and profitable. Fairdale is a hamlet in the same township, just north of the Airline railroad.

CRANDALL and CORYDON JUNCTION are stations on the Airline railroad, in Harrison county. Crandall is about four miles from the east county line. Corydon Junction is where the Corydon and New Albany railroad diverges from the Airline. Both are small places. Rosewood, Boston and old North Hampton are small places on the Ohio river—the first two named in Taylor township, and the last in Washington township.

IDLEWILD, HANCOCK, WORTH, CENTRAL, REHOBOTH are country postoffices. Idlewild and Worth are in Scott township; Central is in Heth township, and Hancock is in Blue River township. A store, postoffice and a blacksmith shop are about the extent of their dignity.

*Roads.*— One drawback to Harrison county, for many years, was a lack of market facilities. Even after the era of railroads it was years before the county enjoyed the benefits of these modern adjuncts of civilization and prosperity. For many years the county did not even have good wagon roads. These highways are indispensable for social intercourse and the enjoyment of progressive civilization. No people can expect fair returns for their labor without commerce and means of transportation for exchanging their commodities. With the best road material almost, in the world, and an inexhaustible supply of it, the county was extremely backward in building roads, and the farmers were almost wholly dependent on the river for transporting their surplus produce to market. It was not until the building of the Corydon and New Albany turnpike road that the county began to get out of the ruts of old fogyism. About 1850 the project of building a plank road or turnpike from New Albany to Corydon was agitated, and the enterprise met with varying success for two or three years before it was finally completed. This was at a time when the good people of Harrison county

did not believe railroads could be built through the hills of southern Indiana. The *Western Argus* (Corydon) of May 11, 1852, recommending the building of this road and its great value, says:

“Look at our geographical position; we are in a bend of the Ohio, the river running around a large portion of the eastern, the entire southern, and a part of the western borders of the county, leaving us isolated, cut off, out of the way of any of the great lines of road, having a population of 16,000 souls at present, all engaged in agriculture; and two-thirds of the surplus raised must pass over this road to market; there is no other outlet, nor can there ever be. Our very position forbids the idea of this route ever being interfered with by railroads. We are not in the line between any great points. The Mt. Carmel route from the Fall to St. Louis is abandoned in effect, and it had as well be, because it would be almost as reasonable to talk of surmounting the Alps, as passing the immense range of hills lying between us and the Wabash. Old hunters will tell you that there are fastnesses that exclude wild beasts, let alone railroads. This, then, is *the* road for Harrison county, the route by which her produce can reach market, etc., etc.”

Scarcely a third of a century has passed since the above was penned, and a first-class railroad crosses Harrison county, and passes the “immense range of hills lying between her and the Wabash.” The Alps have not been

surmounted, but they have been tunneled, which amounts to the same thing, and are no longer a barrier to railroads, and still the world moves on. Another railroad from Corydon intersects the Airline, and Harrison county thus enjoys all the market facilities she needs or can desire.

After all the ups and downs consequent upon such enterprises, the road was finally completed and thrown open to travel. Being a direct line to New Albany, and thence to Louisville, it gave Corydon the best market facilities it had hitherto enjoyed. For several years it was a popular thoroughfare, and extensively used, even to the building of the Airline railroad, and the Corydon & New Albany railroad. With all the railroads, it is still much traveled, and is valuable to the county.

*Railroads.*—Although Harrison is one of the old counties in the State, it was slow, and among the last to have railroads. It is only within the last few years that she has known the advantages of railroads. As early as 1837, a railroad from New Albany to Alton, Ill., was projected, but it only resulted in grading the route from Mt. Carmel to Albion, in Illinois. There it rested until 1869, when a charter was granted to the New Albany & St. Louis Railroad Company, by the Indiana Legislature, and shortly after another to the St. Louis, Mt. Carmel & New Albany Railroad Company, by the Legislature of Illinois. In July, 1870, these corporations were united under the name of Louisville,

New Albany & St. Louis Railroad Company. Its first officers were Hon. Augustus Brady, of New Albany, President; Jesse J. Brown, of New Albany, Vice-President; George Lyman, Secretary and Treasurer, and Roland J. Dukes, Chief Engineer. Several routes were surveyed, and the location finally made as follows: From Louisville to New Albany bridge and the J. M. & I. tracks, thence on an air line to the Wabash river at Mt. Carmel; thence to Mt. Vernon, Ill., where it connected with the St. Louis Southeastern, now the St. Louis division of the L. & M. Railroad. Liberal subscriptions were made to it by the cities of Louisville, New Albany, the J. M. & I. Railroad, Floyd county and other counties, and other municipalities along the line, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,350,000, and by individuals, \$1,411,350. Work commenced and went briskly forward until the funds were exhausted, when operations were for a time suspended. In 1875 the company was unable to meet its interest and the road was sold for \$23,000—a “mere song.” Eighty miles west of New Albany had been graded, and the tunnels and trestles mostly completed. Three miles of track out of New Albany was laid, and trains were running on a completed section from Princeton, Ind., to Albion, Ill. The project lay dormant until February, 1879, when a re-organization of the Board was effected with St. John Boyle, of Louisville, as President; G. C. Cannon, of





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New Albany, Vice-President; and George Lyman, of New Albany, Secretary and Treasurer. After considerable ups and downs, the road was finally completed, and trains run through from Louisville to St. Louis without change, using the tracks of the L. & N. from Mt. Vernon, Ill., to St. Louis. Within the last few years it has been greatly improved, and will soon be a first-class road in every respect. It must, necessarily, become a valuable one, as between the two great cities of Louisville and St. Louis, it is almost an air line, and is more than fifty miles shorter route between the two places, than via the O. & M. railroad.

This road passes through the northern part of Harrison county, about seven miles from Corydon at the nearest point. While too far from the center of the county to prove as beneficial as it would, did it tap the county seat, yet it has been of great value to the county in moving much of its surplus produce, especially from that part of the county most distant from the Ohio river. Taken in connection with the Corydon road, the branch from Corydon to Corydon Junction, it forms for the county much improved transportation facilities.

**JUDGE WILLIAM A. PORTER** was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, in January, 1800. His parents, who were of the sturdy stock from the north of Ireland, died while he

was yet young, so<sup>r</sup> that he was early thrown on his own resources. He educated himself, and by alternate work and teaching through summer and winter was able to pass through Miami University, graduating from that institution in 1827. He came to Corydon in 1828, studied law chiefly by his own exertions, and was admitted to the bar in 1831. In that year he married Miss Elizabeth McClelland, of Crawfordsville, and brought his wife to her new home on horseback behind him. He was identified with the pioneer practice in Harrison county and his name appears oftener than any other on the early records. He was a man of the strictest integrity and had abounding reverence for the dignity of his profession. His papers were never curtailed or abbreviated, and the majesty of the law was upheld by him in every particular. He was not an orator, but his speeches were logical and full of force and conviction.

He was Judge of the Probate Court from 1831 to 1836. In 1836 he was elected to the House of Representatives of the State Legislature, was re-elected in 1846, serving until 1849—the last term as Speaker of the House—and in 1849 was elected to the State Senate. He made his trips to and from Indianapolis on horseback with his “leggings” on, and his saddlebags under him. He was all his life a character in southern Indiana and retained many peculiarities to the last; but his

"long head" was trusted for safe council until old age deprived him of his powers.

He was truly the Nestor of the Indiana bar, and many students went out from under his instruction to fill high places in the profession. He demanded lessons perfect to the letter, and his pupils were wont to say that a term of study under him was equal to a course of lectures. He had an eye to their morals also, and woe befell the young man who attempted to play the fiddle on Sunday, while many a deck of cards was slyly hid in a table drawer when the Judge unexpectedly entered the office. Among his students were

Walter Q. Gresham, Ex. Postmaster General of the United States and U. S. District Judge, of U. S. Courts; Col. Wm. Boone, formerly of Louisville, Ky.; Hon. S. K. Wolfe, deceased, New Albany, and a number of others. The venerable copy of Blackstone used by these embryo lawyers is now preserved as a curiosity by one of his daughters. Although not a member of any church, he was a rigid Calvinist and died in that faith on the morning of January 23rd, 1884. His law library was found after his death to contain many old and rare books that he had accumulated in his long and honorable career.





# JEFFERSON COUNTY.

(By W. P. HENDRICKS, Esq.)

THE act of Congress, passed July 13, 1787, is the chief corner-stone upon which all of the history of the State of Indiana must be founded, and is the first fixed point from which we may start to run a random line, and to which we must correct back, in order to establish permanence in the way of the truth of our statements, and in order to have them to consist with each other. Back of that, are the uncertain and incoherent facts of French and English occupancy, the tradition of Indian possession, and the relics of prehistoric habitation. All of these are unstable, fragmentary and impersonal, so far as Indiana is concerned.

As all life is of the egg and comes from the germ which is the hidden, and humanly unknown principle of it, but which exists in however so infinitesimal and invisible a degree, so Indiana was hidden in this ordinance of 1787, and in due season and course of time came forth in 1816, and stands before the world to-day, a State of which any man may be proud to call himself her son.

ARTICLE 5, of the ordinance, pro-

vides, "That there shall be formed in the said Territory not less than three, nor more than five States, and the boundaries of the States, \* \* \* \* shall become fixed and established, as follows, to-wit: \* \* \* \* \* The Middle States shall be bounded by the said direct line: the Wabash, from Post Vincents to the Ohio, by the Ohio, by a direct line drawn due north from the mouth of Great Miami to the said Territorial line, and by the said Territorial line; \* \* \* \* \* and whenever any of the said States shall have 60,000 free inhabitants therein, such State shall be admitted, by its delegates, into the Congress of the United States on an equal footing with the original States in all respects whatever, and shall be at liberty to form a permanent constitution and State government, etc."

Here we have the first definite lines of boundary of the State of Indiana. Subsequently the State of Michigan was taken out of this body of land, and the State of Indiana was left with her present boundary lines.

Indiana Territory was organized with a specific name, by the act of Congress bearing date May 7, 1800.\*

(1) It provides: "Laws of United States," Vol. 3, Page 367.

"SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, from and after the fourth day of July next, all that part of the territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio river, which lies to the westward of a line beginning at the Ohio, opposite to the mouth of the Kentucky river, and running thence to Fort Recovery, (2) and thence north, until it shall intersect the territorial line between the United States and Canada, shall, for the purposes of temporary government, constitute a separate territory and be called the Indiana Territory." In section 5 of this act it is "*Provided,* That whenever that part of the territory of the United States which lies to the eastward of a line beginning at the mouth of the Great Miami river, and running thence due north, to the territorial line between the United States and Canada, shall be erected into an independent State, and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States; thenceforth said line shall become and remain permanently the boundary line between such State and the Indiana Territory; anything in

this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding."

We find, further, in an act of Congress, approved March 26th, 1804: "Entitled an act erecting Louisiana into two Territories, and providing for the temporary government thereof. Section 12. Laws of the United States, Vol. 3, page 608.

"That the residue of the Province of Louisiana, (*i. e.*, 'All that portion of country ceded by France to the United States, under the name of Louisiana,' which lies north of an east and west line on the Mississippi river, at the thirty-third degree of north latitude, and to extend west to the western boundary of the said cession,) ceded to the United States shall be called the district of Louisiana, the government whereof shall be organized and administered as follows:

The executive power now vested in the Governor of Indiana territory, shall extend to, and be exercised in the said district of Louisiana. The governor and judges of the Indiana territory shall have power to establish, in the said district of Louisiana, inferior courts, and prescribe their jurisdiction and duties, and to make all laws which they may deem conducive to the good government of the inhabitants thereof," etc. By reference to the map you will find what an immense territory was comprised within the jurisdiction of Indiana territory. It took in the whole of the States of Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and

(2) Page 5. Fort Recovery was built on one of the head branches of the river Wabash, in the southwest corner of Mercer Co., Ohio, a little east of the present eastern boundary of Indiana.

Michigan, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oregon, Dakota and Washington Territory—in short an expanse of territory larger than any country in Europe at that time.

Jefferson county was organized by virtue of the following act: "*An act for the division of Dearborn and Clark counties, and for the formation of a new county out of the said two counties.*"

1. *Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That all that part of the counties of Clark and Dearborn, included within the following bounds, viz; 'Beginning at the mouth of Dog Lick Creek, on the bank of the river Ohio, thence to the corner of sections five and eight, town four, range three, thence north to the Indian boundary line, thence with the same westwardly to a point opposite the northeast corner of Clark's grant, thence on a direct line to the said corner of the said grant, thence in a direct line to the Ohio river at the lower line of town two north, range ten east, thence up the Ohio river with the meanders thereof to the beginning, shall compose one new county, called and known by the name of Jefferson.

2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the coroners, sheriffs, constables, and collectors of the said counties of Clark and Dearborn, to make distress for all dues and officers' fees unpaid by the said

inhabitants within the bounds of the said new county at the time such division shall take place, and they shall be accountable in like manner as if this act had not been passed; the courts of Clark and Dearborn counties shall have jurisdiction in all actions and suits pending therein at the time of said division, and they shall try and determine the same, issue process, and award execution thereon.

3. *And be it further enacted,* That the seat of justice in and for said county shall be, and the same is hereby established in the town of Madison, in town two north, range ten east.

4. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

DENNIS PENNINGTON,

Speaker of House of Rep.

JAS. BEGGS,

Pres. of the Legislative Council.

Approved November 23rd, 1810.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON."

At the Borough of Vincennes, Indiana Territory.

The boundaries of Jefferson county have been modified and changed since then, by the formation of the counties of Switzerland, Ripley, Jennings and Scott. The present boundaries are as follows, and contain about three hundred and eighty square miles:

Beginning on the Ohio river at a point where an east and west line dividing fractional section number twenty-nine, township two south, range ten east, strikes the same; thence west through the center of said fractional section twenty-nine and sections thirty and twenty-five, to the east line of section twenty-six, township two, range nine; thence north to the southeast corner of section twenty-three; thence west to the southeast corner of section twenty-two; thence north to the northeast corner of section twenty-two; thence west to the southeast corner of section thirteen, township two north, of range eight east: thence north to the southeast corner of township three, range eight; thence north to the line dividing sections twenty-four and twenty-five; thence west to the northeast corner of section twenty-seven; thence north to the northeast corner of section fifteen; thence west to the northeast corner of section seventeen; thence north to the northeast corner of section eight; thence west to the northeast corner of section seven; thence north to the township line; thence west to the northwest corner of said township; thence north with the line, dividing ranges seven and eight, to the line dividing townships four and five; thence east to the northeast corner of section three, township four, range eight east; reserving, however, all that part of the town of Paris, being the northeast quarter of section four, in town-

ship four north, range eight east, which is attached to the county of Jennings; thence north to the northwest corner of section twenty-six, in township five, range eight; thence east to the range line dividing ranges eight and nine; thence north to the northeast corner of section thirteen, township five north, range eight east; thence east to the southeast corner of section eight, township five, range nine; thence north to the line dividing townships five and six; thence east to the northeast corner of section five, township five north, range twelve east; thence south to the Ohio river; thence with said river to the place of beginning.

#### TOWNSHIPS.

The county is divided into ten civil townships, viz: Madison, Graham, Lancaster, Monroe, Milton, Saluda, Shelby, Smyrna, Republican and Hanover.

MILTON township is bounded on the north by Shelby township, on the east by Switzerland county, on the south by the Ohio river and on the west by Madison township.

SHELBY township is bounded on the north by Ripley county, on the east by Switzerland county, on the south by Milton and Madison townships, and on the west by Monroe township.

MONROE township is bounded on the north by Ripley county, on the east by Shelby township, on the south by Madison township and on the west by Lancaster township.

LANCASTER township is bounded on the north by Jennings county, on the east by Monroe township, on the south by Smyrna township, and on the west by Graham township and Jennings county.

MADISON township is bounded on the north by Shelby, Monroe and Smyrna townships, on the east by Milton township, on the south by the Ohio river and Hanover township, and on the west by Hanover, Republican and Smyrna townships.

SMYRNA township is bounded on the north by Lancaster township, on the east by Madison township, on the south by Madison and Republican townships, and on the west by Graham township.

GRAHAM township is bounded on the north by Jennings county, on the east by Lancaster, Smyrna and Republican townships, on the south by Republican township and Scott county, and on the west by Jennings and Scott counties.

REPUBLICAN township is bounded on the north by Graham and Smyrna townships, on the east by Smyrna, Madison and Hanover townships, on the south by Hanover and Saluda townships and Scott county, and on the west by Graham township and Scott county.

HANOVER township is bounded on the north by Madison and Smyrna townships, on the east by Madison township, the Ohio river and Saluda township, on the south by Saluda township, and on the west by Republican and Saluda townships.

SALUDA township is bounded on the north by Hanover and Republican townships, on the east by the Ohio river and Hanover township, on the south by Clark county, and on the west by Clark and Scott counties

#### HISTORY OF TOWNSHIPS.

In the beginning there seems to have been only three townships in this county, as is found by an entry on the records of the Common Pleas Court, to-wit:

“Ordered (July 19, 1812), that Elisha Golay be appointed as Inspector of Jefferson township at the next general election.”

By a second order on the same day, and for the same purpose, Jesse Gray was appointed as Inspector for Madison township; and a third order on the same page appoints Thomas Taylor as Inspector of Washington township. There is nothing on record to show the bounds of these, and there is no other mention of the last two. The next mention of townships is after Indiana had become a State, and, under the law of the State, county business is under the jurisdiction of a Board of County Commissioners. The first Board of Commissioners for Jefferson county was composed of

JAMES STOLT,  
NATHANIEL HUNT,  
EKILLIS WILHITE.

This board met at the court house in Madison on Monday, Feb. 10, 1817, and was organized according to law. The first business item on the records

is: "Thomas Stribling, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, filed his protest against the jail of this county, which was ordered to be filed.

The court then adjourned till the day in course."

On the 11th day of February, 1817, the court passed an order forming and bounding Graham township, and appointing an election for justice of the peace.

"An order forming and bounding Pittsburgh township and appointing time and place of election therein, and appointing Inspector of election, was passed the same day." Pittsburgh township commenced "Two miles east of the south-east corner of Section 13, Township 4 north, Range 11 East, (at Switzerland county line); thence west with the section line until you strike the creek; thence west with the creek and meanders thereof, so as to include John Griffin; thence with the section line west one mile to the range line; thence north with the range line to the county line."

This is all of the description on record, but the intention, evidently, is to follow the county line east to the corner of the county, and thence south along the county line to the place of beginning.

This was before the organization of Ripley county, and the north line of Jefferson county was along the Indian boundary (see act organizing Jefferson county in this volume). This line commenced at a point in what would be the north-west quarter of section

24, range XIII, east town XI north, runs thence southwestwardly to the range line dividing ranges VI and VII east, cutting off a part of the north-west quarter of section 31, township VII, range VII. This line crossed just about the point of junction of the counties of Ripley, Decatur and Franklin.

On the 13th day of February, 1817, an order was passed forming and bounding Madison and Saluda townships.

Previous to this time, Madison township had contained all of what is now Saluda, Republican, Hanover and Smyrna, and a part of Milton townships.

On the 5th of March, 1817, Lancaster township was formed, bounded, and an Inspector of election appointed by order of the court.

May 12, 1817, Republican and Milton townships were formed. Milton, from Madison and Pittsburgh townships.

Shelby township was formed by an order of the Board of County Commissioners, dated February 12, 1823.

JESSE GRAY,

R. B. MITCHELL,

JACOB RHODES,

were County Commissioners at this time. Shelby township wiped out the portion of Pittsburgh township, which was left.

Hanover township was made by an order of the Board, dated Tuesday, September 1, 1836.

THOMAS WISE,

JOSEPH WILEY,

JOHN BOWEN,

comprising the Board at this time.

Monroe township was ordered to be formed from parts of Lancaster and Shelby townships on March 11, 1842.

NATHAN ROBINSON,  
WM. SMITH,  
JOHN JEWELL,

constituting the Board at this time.

Shelby township was formed by order of Commissioners' Court, June 16, 1847.

CAMPBELL KINNEAR,  
JOHN E. GALE,  
NATHAN ROBINSON,

as the Board at this time.

*Topography.*—The valley of the Ohio river is a great ditch dug down into the earth from two to four hundred feet below the general level of the surface of the country. It is of an irregular and uneven course, in a southwesterly direction. Along the border of Jefferson county it is of a depth of about four hundred feet and a width of two miles. The sides of this ditch are bluffs, more or less abrupt. Through this valley, the river, three-fourths of a mile wide, winds its way, varying more in its course than does the valley itself; at one place it is nearer the bluff on the Indiana side; at another, nearest the Kentucky shore, leaving a fringe, as it were, along the river from one hundred feet to one mile wide on either bank. These bottoms, (as they are called), are alluvial and of rich deep soil, equal in productiveness to that of any part of the country, and perennial in their productiveness, being constantly renewed by the washings from the bluffs

and deposits by the river's overflow.

At frequent intervals the bluffs are cut through by streams of greater or less size, which have their valleys also, a birds-eye view of the whole of which would form a pattern, were it drawn on a small scale, that would perhaps surpass in beauty and quaintness of design any worn by the fair women of the land, in their laces or embroideries.

The topography of the county is varied. After 'rising' the bluff from the river valley, the land approaches to a general level plateau or table land in the center of the county. In the western part of the county the country is of a more rolling character. The eastern and northeastern part of the county is very hilly and broken, caused by Indian Kentuck Creek and tributaries.

There is a backbone of land, extending along the southern part of this State, from the confluence of the Wabash and the Ohio rivers, to the edge of this county at the southwestern border of Hanover township, where it turns northwardly through this county and thence in an east of north direction into the State of Ohio, which forms a watershed, dividing the waters of the Wabash river toward the west and the waters of the Ohio river on the east; so that the water falling upon a house in this county, not over two and one-half or three miles from the Ohio, divides, and travels one part to the Muscatatuck and White rivers and then into the

Wabash, and by the Wabash to the Ohio, a journey of over 300 miles; the other part goes into the Ohio, at the distance of three miles, and traveling down that river about 200 miles, there meets the first, and they go on to the Gulf quietly together.

How like the career of brothers "of the flesh," leaving the roof tree and wandering in long, weary and diverse ways through life, at last joining each other—*reuniting*—in the river of death and going out into the great ocean of eternity together.

*Falls.*—Along the bluffs of the Ohio river are found many beautiful and romantic waterfalls and cascades, formed by streams of water, cutting deep gorges by eroding the Niagara and Clinton formations, and the less persistent shales and limestone rocks. The more rapid weathering of the underlying soft, shaly rock produced the beautiful waterfall of Clifty and other streams. These falls (Clifty) have been cut back from the Ohio river to their present position, at least one and one-half miles. (3.)

Along the river are: Clifty, Deadman's, Crow Falls, at Hanover; Butler's; Chain-mill; Falls along the Saluda; Dog Falls; Shelving Rock, near Madison, and many others.

Clifty Falls is the most notable one of all these, on account of the size of the stream of water, and the greater descent; one pitch is a sheer descent of over 80 feet, and others make the whole descent; over 200 feet altogether.

(3.) Taken from the Atlas of Indiana, published at Chicago, 1876.

Also for the remarkable cutting or glen through which the water find its way out to the river. It is a weirdly-wild place, tortuous in its course as the trail of a serpent, extending in a direct line, from the falls to the front line of the bluff, one and one-half miles; but following the course of the stream it is more than two miles.

There is a beauty and grandeur about these falls that is second only to Niagara. On arriving at the point of view of the largest fall, one is shut out entirely from the sight of all things but surrounding nature below and the blue sky above. After the first throb of surprise and admiration at this wonder of nature has passed away, you are impressed with awe, as of a presence intangible, but felt, surrounding you; and your thoughts are led away from the perishable grandeur of time, to the imperishable glory of eternity; from the works to the former of them: and you are forced to believe on Him, for He says: "the works that I do bear witness of Me."

The falls and glen make a series of pictures always to be remembered by the visitor. They are about three and one-half miles north-west from Madison. Clifty Creek is a small stream which rises four miles north of Madison, and flows westwardly for four miles, then south-westwardly about four miles to the falls; thence southwardly two miles through the gulch to the river, making in all about ten miles in length. There is another fall



near the mouth of the gulch on the eastern side of it, where a small tributary of Clifty pours over a cliff of about fifty feet in height. In former years there hung over the brink of this precipice, at the side of the stream, an old chain-mill, with its long chain of buckets, hanging almost to the bottom of the fall, into which the water was led, which formed the power by which the mill was run. Here the early settlers had their Indian corn and wheat turned into meal and flour. This fall is not so grand as the one at the head of the gulch, but is very pretty; the stream supplying the water being but a very weak one, lacks the energy of rush of the main stream.

*Points of View.*—There are many Points—as they are called by the inhabitants—along the bluffs, which form grand “lookouts,” over landscapes unsurpassed even by those of the Rhine; they lack only in the works of man, when brought into comparison; in the works of God they equal, if not surpass them.

Of these I will name Cedar Cliff, about three miles east of Madison, a detached bluff of one and one-half miles in length, from which may be had views up and down the river, of over twelve miles. Eagle Creek valley separates this from Little Cedar cliff, from which there is a view of a landscape of magnificent beauty; and if we could make a decided choice from among the many beautiful scenes

on the Ohio, we would say that this is the “*ne plus ultra.*”

The bluffs around Madison are also points of view of fine landscapes. Poison Point, below Madison, is another of these natural “lookouts.” The name is not attractive, but was given to the place by the early settlers, because the cattle that grazed in that locality died in great numbers. It is situated about two miles west of Madison, at the east of Clifty Valley.

About one mile west of this is a remarkable freak of nature, in the shape of a long and narrow bluff, called by the early settlers—and still preserving the name—on account of its peculiar shape, “The Devil’s Backbone.” It is a ridge of land which rises directly and abruptly from the water’s edge to a height of about two hundred feet to a sharp spire; then falling away on the other side, less abruptly in descent to the valley below, forming one side of a gulch, which has the main bluff for the other side. This gulch was called, by the first settlers, the “Hog Trough.” This ridge is entirely detached from the main bluff, although of the same formation and strata; as if the instrument used for cutting the furrow for the river had parted and a splinter from it had gouged out this gulch along side of the “Backbone,” and has there broken off or settled back into place again, leaving this freak of nature as the result. In shape it is not at all dissimilar to the back of the “wild woods hog,” of the early settlements, and when covered

with a forest of large trees would naturally suggest, to the imagination of the settler on a hog hunt, a wild hog with his bristles erect and head down, digging for the roots upon which he subsisted; having the highest point in about the relative position of the hump of the shoulders of a hog with his head turned down the river, and lowered as though rooting; the back drooping as if bent to aid in force. It is about one mile in length and about one-quarter of a mile in greatest breadth.

Next below is "College Point," from which may be seen some of the finest scenery along the entire length of the beautiful Ohio. It received its name after the college was erected upon it.

A little down the river from College Point is "Fair Prospect Point." This is the first of these natural "lookouts," upon which the foot of the white man was known to have trodden in this county, and from which he looked out entranced by the natural beauty of his surroundings. The man was George Logan, time, March 1st, 1801. An account of him will be found further on in this work.

The bluffs, at Brooksbury, on either side of Indian Kentucky, Plow Handle Point, Marble Hill and others, all are places overlooking beautiful scenes. Each is claimed as the most beautiful by the local inhabitants, and 'tis true that they are all so beautiful in their different groupings and minutiae, that the visitor is apt to think that each succeeding one is the fairest and most lovely.

It would require a book of itself to enumerate and to describe them separately.

*Soil.*—The soil of the county is various in character; from the richest black alluvial of the river bottoms, to the ash gray siliceous clays of the Champlain period composing the soils of the "Flats." Agriculture being the principal source of the wealth of the county, there is an adaptability in its soil for the growth of any and all kinds of products, from the cereals down to the blackberry—which is indigenous to the soil, and is no mean production at which "the nose may be cocked apeak" with impunity.

The soil is finely adapted to the growing of all kinds of fruits; the apple, pear, plum, peach and quince, all doing well here. In small fruits as berries, it cannot be surpassed anywhere. The grape has been successfully cultivated all over the county, and along the streams of the county are still to be found some stocks of the original wild grapes, of immense size and productiveness. A notable one is on the farm of Mr. J. Rodolphus Conway, in Smyrna township, which measures forty-six (46) inches in circumference.

In different parts of the county there is found a subsoil of red clay, which seems to be erratic. It crops out here and there in small spots, and wherever it is found, there is a place where large yields of all kinds of grain, especially of wheat, may be

surely counted upon. It is found in the Carmel neighborhood, in Hanover township; at Wirt, in Madison township, and along Big Creek, in Lancaster, Smyrna, Republican and Graham townships.

*Natural products.*—Besides the agricultural products, as a source of wealth, Jefferson county has within her borders the following natural products in large quantities: Stone, for building and for lime; marble, good clay for brick, and tile clay; gravel in abundance; lime-stone of the Upper and Lower Silurian in unlimited supply; also timber of all varieties of the latitude.

*Timber.*—The county was covered, at the advent of the white man, with a heavy growth of timber of walnut, poplar, oak, maple, beech, ash, hickory, buckeye, and gum trees. The timber was of the largest kind of each type; Walnut trees from two to five feet in diameter, and eighty to ninety feet high; poplar as great as six and seven feet in diameter and over one hundred feet in height; oak as large as the poplar and walnut in diameter; maples as large as three and one-half feet in diameter. Almost all of these giants are gone, the best and largest of them having been cut down and burned in making the first clearings, and in making rails for fencing out their stock from the 'crops.' The walnut and poplar land being considered the best for agricultural purposes, was first stripped, and the trees burned as the easiest and quickest

way of getting rid of them. The ash were taken for rails, as they were the easiest worked, and split the straightest. The oak was not considered as indicating so good a soil as the others, and was generally passed by, by the settlers and left unentered until later in date. The beech and gum were not considered of any account by the early settlers, except for firewood, and the land was looked upon as the poorest of all, and after all the rest had been taken, they were also entered, and have turned out in time and with progressive farming, about as good crops as the finer soils of the choice timber.

There are still large tracts of fine timber left throughout the county, which are of great value. Were the original growth of timber still remaining here, it would bring three times as much in hard cash, as the entire valuation of land and improvements in the county. Many of our present citizens can remember the cutting down and burning of trees "to get them out of the way" in clearing the land, which would bring from fifty to seventy-five dollars a tree were they now standing. Especially was this the fact with regard to walnut trees, for they were of value at that time, principally for rails, and as they were much harder to work than ash or oak, they were usually disposed of as quickly and easily as possible (as mentioned above) by fire.

The fences were made more to keep the stock out of the crops, than for

any other reason; for the principal subsistence of all kinds of animals owned by the farmers was the wild grasses of the timber and the young bushes. Hogs were allowed to run at large all of the year around, fattening on the nuts. Milch cattle and work cattle were only penned in the worst kind of weather, and then more for the reason of having them handy for milking or work in the early morning. The rest of the cattle were turned on the range, with one of their number carrying a bell, for the double purpose of keeping them together, and of easily finding them by its sound. The horses also were turned out with a bell on the "old mare," which kept them together and directed the owner to them by its sound, when they strayed off to new pasture, or for other cause. The owners of stock of all kinds, at that time, marked them by cutting their ears in various ways; but on account of the disfigurement of the horses, the practice was dropped with them; and finally has gone into disuse altogether, except as to hogs, which still in this part of the country are marked in the ear and ownership proven in that way.

*Tile Clay.*—Dr. John Roe, of North Madison, tested the clay in the vicinity of North Madison, some years ago, and found it very well adapted to making tiles. He made tile there for some years before his death. The same clay abounds throughout the central part of the county.

*Salt.*—Salt was made in this county at an early date, but on account of the low grade of the appliances for working the well and the consequently small yield of salt, it was abandoned.

*Stone.*—Jefferson county abounds in fine building stone. The quarries at Deputy have been worked more extensively than any other in the county. Stone from this quarry was used largely in the custom house building at Cincinnati, and also in the first large bridge across the Ohio at that place. The quality of this stone is equal to any found in the country.

The same stone is found at different points in the county, but as there is no facility in transportation, there has been no extensive quarry beside this one opened up in the county.

There is a beautiful species of gray and blue marble found in the southern part of this county, which was worked for a number of years, at Marble Hill. But on account of the sulphuric acid of iron, which was contained in it, decomposing and staining the finished work, the owners ceased working it. It took a very fine polish, and was used for mantels, furniture, etc. It was full of fossil shells, which gave a beautiful effect when polished. It may be utilized even yet, and made a source of wealth.

*Water Courses.*—The county has a very good natural water supply in every part of it, in the way of springs and creeks. It might be proudly said to abound in water.

"A remarkable feature of the streams of this county," says the geologist, "is that they, as a general thing, cut deep gorges, some of which, especially on the eastern border, have attained the depth of two to three hundred feet." "These gorges are the result of flowing over friable matter."

Along the water-courses were the homes of Pre-historic Man.

Among the water-courses in the eastern part of the county are: Indian Kentucky Creek, and its tributaries, which drain the entire eastern portion of this county, the south-west corner of Switzerland, and a part of Ripley counties.

The valleys of this creek are richly productive, and afford the best facilities for stock-raising; water being plenty all the year round, and the grazing of the best quality, and of sufficient quantity.

The main valleys of this stream (there are two main forks or branches, the east and west and a great many minor tributaries), are lined by bluffs from 150 to 200 feet high. Near the mouth, where it empties into the Ohio river, they are as high as 300 feet.

These valleys were formed in the same manner as that of the Ohio, whether by wear and erosion, or by icebergs cutting out the course of them. Geologists differ in their theories upon the subject.

The west fork of Indian Kentucky rises in Ripley county, the south-east part of range X east, town 6 north,

and runs southeastwardly through Monroe, Madison and Milton townships. The eastern branch, which is called the Main Creek and Brushy Fork by the natives, rises in the northern part of town 6, north of range XI east, in Ripley county, and runs southwardly through Shelby township in Ripley county, and Shelby and Milton townships in Jefferson county, and uniting with the west fork at Manville in Milton township, empties into the Ohio river near the eastern border of the county, traversing a distance of about thirty miles. The west fork is about fifteen miles long to the confluence. The average breadth of country drained by each branch is about twenty miles.

The name "Indian Kentucky" is a combination of the two names, Indiana and Kentucky, and was given by the early settlers. The greater portion of these having come from Kentucky, honored their former State, as well as the State to which they had come, in giving this name to the stream. The name, as used by the natives, is "Indian Kentuck," and that, probably, was the original name.

The next stream in point of size is Big Creek, the north fork of which rises near New Marion, in Ripley county, and in a very crooked course traverses about twenty-five miles of territory in this county, running through Monroe, Lancaster, Smyrna and Graham townships, and empties into the Muscatatuck, a short distance from Paris, Jennings county. The middle fork of Big

Creek rises in Monroe township, west of Bryantsburgh, and flows westwardly into Lancaster township, where it empties into the north fork on the main creek. The south fork of Big Creek rises in the south-western part of Madison township and runs through Hanover and Republican townships, and empties into the main creek on the line between Graham and Smyrna townships.

Along all of these different branches of Big Creek are romantic rocky cliffs, especially so on the north fork, where they extend in places for a quarter of a mile in unbroken front, varying in height from ten to sixty feet. In some places the faces of these cliffs are quite hidden by the masses of vines and ferns growing upon them.

The waters from these streams and their tributaries, flow into White river, and through that river into the Wabash. The waters of this county are very evenly divided between the Ohio and the Wabash rivers.

There are numerous smaller streams in the county. Crooked Creek and Clifty, of which mention has been made, Saluda, Eagle Creek and Bee Camp are tributaries of the Ohio river; Bear Creek, Camp Creek, Harberts, Lewis and Marble are tributaries of Big Creek.

Camp Creek has its name from the fact that the Indians, in passing through this county before the settlement by the whites, were in the habit of making it a regular camping place, and the whites also, in their pursuit of the

Indians, found a very convenient and commodious place for a camp on its banks. It is a noted place among geologists as a locality for finding fine fossils.

Crooked Creek runs from the north into, and to the west through Madison, and is about seven miles long. The head waters are about three and one-half miles north of Madison. The valley of the creek is less than one-half mile wide, and the hills bordering it are about 250 feet high. The creek flows out of this valley into the Ohio river valley, and making quite an abrupt turn to the west, then skirts the foot of the bluff for some three miles, when it empties into the Ohio river. Formerly it was a stream of some size, and was used for mill power, but of late years, by reason of changes caused by cutting away the timber, straightening the course of the creek, and cultivation of the adjoining country, it is dry for the greater portion of its course, with stagnant pools at intervals, at other times a torrent. Sometimes it gets on a rampage, as it did in 1846, when, being checked at the west side of Madison by the embankment of the railroad, it became a great lake, and many houses were floated away and many persons drowned.

I copy selections from a sketch written by Lieut. A. J. Grayson — Phelix Adair — for the Madison *Courier* some years ago, which will give a better idea of it than any words of mine :

“On Thursday, September 3d, 1846, a most sorrowful calamity befell the denizens of Crooked Creek Valley, causing great loss of life and property.

“It had been showery all day, but in the afternoon the rain poured down in torrents, flooding our streets, as the gutters were not of sufficient capacity to carry on the water, and many cellars and even residences, in the central part of the city, were flooded.

“Crooked Creek rose to an enormous height, overflowing its banks from its headwaters down to the mouth, where it empties into the Ohio River, sweeping everything before it—houses, bridges, fences and other property. \* \*

“Twelve persons were drowned, seven of their bodies being found after the waters assuaged, in a field at the foot of Wilber’s hill—now the new addition to Springdale Cemetery.

“Besides the many dwelling-houses, out-houses, fences, etc., swept off, a great deal of valuable property was destroyed. Sheet’s oil-mill, which stood near the bank of the creek between Mulberry and West streets, had the gable-end thrown down and all his carding machinery destroyed. Mitchell & McNaughton’s pork-house, near where Watts & Barber’s paper mill is now located, was much damaged. Whitney & Hendricks’ property, near the bridge at West street, was also damaged badly, and every bridge on the creek was carried away.  
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“The whole surface of the great body of water was literally covered

with different articles from the farms and residences above—hay and straw-stacks, rails, chickens, hogs, cattle, etc.

“The mouth of the railroad culvert was not large enough to allow the immense amount of drift, etc., to pass through, causing it to dam up so that the back water from it rose so rapidly that the creek valley, from Mulberry street down, was submerged so suddenly that residents were unable to escape. \* \*

“The water rose within forty feet of the railroad track, and it was thought it would find an outlet at the lowest point near Third street. But at last the pressure became too great, and the large embankment, said to be the highest in the State, melted away like a snow-bank, while the huge stones in the culvert were swept away like sand, and the water poured into the gap thus made, like the Ohio pouring into the Mississippi.”

#### HISTORY OF EARLY SETTLERS.

The first known white man who set foot upon the soil of Jefferson county, was Captain George Logan, who, after the war of 1812, settled in what is now Hanover township. “George Logan was born in Pennsylvania, during the revolutionary war. His parents removed to Kentucky in 1784, George being but four years old at the time. He grew up from childhood to manhood on a farm eight miles from Lexington, but before reaching his majority the evils of slavery so impressed him that he determined to forsake his home and make a new one

where all men were free and their own masters. Shortly after this resolution was formed, young Logan, in partnership with a friend, bought up a lot of country produce with the intention of floating it down to New Orleans. They accordingly procured two barges, lashed them together, and with a crew of four men started down the Kentucky river. This was as early as 1801. A small village marked the present site of Carrollton, but between that point and Clarksville (Jeffersonville), or Louisville, was not to be seen the hut or encampment of a single white man. Mr. Logan says he frequently saw Indians along the shore hunting, and occasionally a camp with a fire where the squaws were cooking. The country was utterly wild. There was nothing but heavy timber upon the flats and hills. No person had settled on the bottom land where Madison now stands, it was all covered with woods. Deer and buffaloes seemed plentiful, and at night wolves kept up a very dismal howling. In this trip an incident occurred which has something of romance in it, and which affected the hero's after life very materially.

Mr. Logan's boat passed Madison on the last day of February, 1801. The wind blew such a gale that navigation in low barges was both slow and perilous; so a landing was made on the northern bank, about a half mile below our present Hanover landing. The river continued rough with white caps for three days, compelling the voyagers to hug the shore to

escape destruction. Young Logan got tired of sitting around on the boats, so he shouldered his gun and walked up the hill. There he soon fell in with a flock of turkeys and shot two of them. The river from the hill was so beautiful that he inwardly resolved to settle right there whenever he entered land. To mark the spot, after fixing the general features of the place in his memory, he carved his name in full, with the date, March 1st, 1801, upon two large beech trees which stood near the verge of the hill. There is no tradition that the Ohio, when a little rill, flowing to join the brimming river, paused, loitering in this enchanting land one sunny day to add yet another charm to the landscape by its meanderings—there is no tradition to this effect, but if there were it would almost merit credence, for nowhere throughout its entire course does the river present lovelier features, or its hills rise in more calm and gentle majesty. So Logan must have thought, for fourteen years later, in 1815, he passed along the river bluffs in this vicinity searching for the old landscape and the two beeches which bore his name. Some changes had taken place during that time, and the trees could not be found, though Logan was pretty sure he had discovered the proper spot. But here another difficulty presented itself; the land was already entered by one Christopher Harrison. But Logan was not to be balked at the last, so he hunted up Mr. Harrison, who was not



a resident, and purchased the place of him." The above is from an interview of Mr. Logan, by Mr. M. C. Garber—now editor of the *Madison Daily Courier*—published in the *Courier* Nov. 1st, 1873.

After making the trip to New Orleans, Mr. Logan returned home and fitted out a boat and went up the Missouri river to trade with Indians. He wandered about, living here and there, until the war of 1812-15 broke out, and being in Ohio at that time, he raised there a company for the defense of the settlements, and he was commissioned as the Captain. His company went with the army of Gen. W. H. Harrison to the relief of Fort Meigs, on the Maumee river. After the war, as stated above, he returned to his first love as a home, and purchased the land of the then owner, Mr. Christopher Harrison, who had bought it from the Government.

Mr. Logan looked for the trees bearing his name, time after time, but without success. In the third week of September of the year 1862, one morning after a heavy storm during the night, which blew down a number of trees at some little distance from his house, Mr. Logan sent his farm hands out to saw them up for firewood. While engaged at this work one of the men discovered the long sought for mark, on the beech tree, cut there on that March morning, so many years before. Mr. Logan was notified of the find, and came out to the place, and found that he had

made his search too high on the brow of the hill, and had thus failed to find his mark. He had the block, which was of the diameter of twenty-two (22) inches, containing the mark, sawed out of the trunk of the tree, and carried to his house, where he always kept it as a relic of his first visit to this county, and as an object of interest which he showed to all of his visitors, to the time of his death, May 12th, 1875. It may be still at the old farm, and should be preserved as a memento of pioneer days, by the Historical Society of Jefferson county.

*Nomads.*—There were many men in those days (some having families) who led nomadic lives. They passed through the country, lived and died, and scarcely left a trace of having occupied it. They depended upon hunting wild game for subsistence and for a living, and in following the chase, to some extent took upon them the habits of the animals which they hunted. They became cautious in their movements, and watchful of even the least change in things around them; the breaking of a twig, the rustle or fall of a leaf, were all noticed by them, and were indications perhaps of great moment to them, as they became proficient in their study of the book of nature. They became good and quick reasoners, more from effect to the cause, than the contrary. They soon became well acquainted with the habits and lives of the animals and birds which they were in the custom of hunting. They could

tell the species, age, sex and condition of the animal still unseen, by its trail, as unerringly as the scholar the root of a word he may meet in his book.

Their larders and wardrobes were supplied by the meat and skins of the animals which they killed. Their other wants being few, principally confined to lead and powder and whiskey, and sometimes flour or corn meal, were easily supplied at the trading house or village store, in return for meat and pelts or grease. The pelts of animals were then more common as a circulating medium than silver and gold, and constituted the principal source of revenue of the class of people of whom mention has been made. Every storekeeper was ready to take them in exchange for his goods, as he could use them with his creditors as readily as cash. These birds of passage melted away before the advance of the whites in the settlements, and there is now no note of name, time or occupancy except of two who roamed in the northwestern corner of the county. One Glasgow, a hunter by profession, had no regular habitation: his home was wherever he chanced to be. When hungry he stopped and cooked his food; when night came he camped at the most convenient and sheltered spot near him. His usual haunt was between Big Creek and Middle Fork. The other was a man named Joe Hensley, who lived with the Indians. He made a clearing on the creek, which still bears his name, within the pres-

ent confines of Lancaster township. They both disappeared. Hensley going off with the Indians, and Glasgow going to the new frontier. It was reported some years after that he was killed on Haw Creek, in Decatur or Bartholomew counties.

1804.—The next name, in point of time, is that of John Ryker; and that is only by an incidental mention of him in the sketch of Mr. William Robbins (which see) where he speaks of coming from Kentucky to visit Ryker in the year 1804. Mr. Robbins says he was living near to or at the mouth of Eagle Creek. But as Mr. Ryker entered the N. W. quarter of section thirty, town four north, range eleven east, April 24th, 1809, we suppose that he probably lived on that tract of land.

1805.—In the latter part of the spring of 1805, Elder Jesse Vawter, the first Baptist preacher of this county, came to Indiana and made a clearing. He was accompanied by John Reece and six or eight others from Scott and Franklin counties, Kentucky. They landed at a point just opposite to Milton, Kentucky. They made their headquarters in the bottom at the upper end of the present city of Madison. Elder Jesse Vawter (deceased March 20th, 1838) selected a location for his residence at the top of what is now called "the Michigan Hill," at the point where the Weyer mansion now stands. A portion of the present Weyer house was built by him later on in life.

After making their selections for homes and putting up cabins, they went back to Kentucky and brought their families here in

1806.—He planted his corn late in June of this year. I submit the following memorial of Elder Vawter, written by his son, John Vawter, and a sketch of James Vawter, which were printed, and have been preserved by members of the family. As Elder Jesse Vawter was a notable man in the Baptist Church—the pioneer of that church we may say—in all of the region of the country for many miles around Jefferson county; besides being one of the very earliest of the settlers of this county, I deem it as only just to his memory that this sketch of his life be inserted in these pages; together with the addenda by his son, James Vawter. Elder Vawter named his home Mount Glad, because he was delivered from his temporal troubles when he settled there.

**ELDER JESSE VAWTER.** He was born in Virginia, Dec. 2, 1755. His father's name was David, his mother's that of Mary. His father died while he was yet a youth and left him to obtain a livelihood by the energies of his own mind and individual industry. At an early day he was called into the service of his country. While in the teated field he was attacked with military fever, of which his life was despaired of by his many friends; but God was pleased to prolong his

days and he lived to see the armies of his country crowned with success. In the year 1782, he emigrated to North Carolina (now Sullivan county, Tennessee). While here he took an active part as a soldier and officer in the offensive and defensive war measure against the Cherokee Indians, who committed many cruelties on the frontiers of those times. In the year 1787 he visited the country then known by the name of the Levisa country, a name by the writer of this memoir well recollected, afterwards and now known as Kentucky. After his return home he prepared for removing to the new world, and in the year 1789, with his wife and six small children, removed into the State of Kentucky, settled in Woodford county, where he resided until 1795; at which time he purchased a small tract of land on the north side of the North Elkhorn, and removing to it, resided thereon until the year 1806. Having lost his lands by a superior claim in law, he determined to abandon the State. In the fall of 1806 he removed his family to a residence prepared by him near Madison, known as Mount Glad, now occupied and owned by Messrs. Flint, Wilbur and T. Hite. On this last named place he continued to reside until himself and companion were too old and advanced in age to keep house any longer, and finally broke up house-keeping and sold the farm and mansion, a spot dear in the recollection of his children and numerous acquaintances. A short time afterwards, the

partner of his youth, of his joys and of his many labors and conflicts, sunk under disease and old age, and after months of excruciating pain, died within a few hundred yards of the spot where the subject of the present memoir breathed his last. He died March 20th, 1838, in the 83d year of his age.

Memoir written by John Vawter.

Sketch of James Vawter, written by himself. Addenda to a memoir of Elder Jesse Vawter, written by John Vawter.

The underwriter, JAMES VAWTER, was born in East Tennessee, April 2d, 1783; came with his father to Kentucky in 1790; lived in Kentucky eleven years; came to Indiana in 1805. "I built my first cabin in the winter of 1806-7, on the hill where the big engine house stands, and kept bachelor hall until Oct. 1816; and then got married to Judge John Watts' daughter, of Boone county, Ky; have raised a large family of sons and daughters (11 of them). In 1814-15-16 I was sheriff and collector of county and territorial taxes. I have the duplicate, which no man would take and collect for it. It was Jefferson, Jennings, Switzerland, Ripley and Scott, all in one county."—He died Oct. 25th, 1873, 90 years, 6 months and 21 days old.

Mr. James Underwood came to Jefferson county in company with Elder Jesse Vawter in the spring of

1806, and settled about four miles north of the present city of Madison, on the headwaters of Crooked Creek. The first graveyard in the county was upon his farm, and is still at times now used for the interment of the descendants of the old settlers. He was buried there. It still bears the name of the "Underwood Graveyard."

There is the name of one Colby Underwood, among the old settlers; when he came, and whether he was a brother of James or not, we are not able to tell.

1806.—Mr. Ralph—called Rafe—Griffin, came to Indiana Territory in 1806, and took a pre-emption claim in the north-west quarter of section 31, town 4, north of range 11 east. He afterward sold his right to Mr. John Thomas, who made the last payments upon the land and received the patent.

The house—still standing, January 3, 1889—was built the same year, and was made with the view of using it as a fort, as the Indians were quite troublesome. There were loop-holes arranged for firing the guns through. On either side of the door, about eighteen inches from the floor, a heavy hickory withe was put through the logs and securely wedged from the outside, forming on the inside of the wall a bow, into which a heavy wooden bar was placed, with which the door could be made fast, and which secured it from any attack from the outside. The logs of the house are still quite solid. It is the oldest house in the county. Mr. James Griffin, still living

in this county, was born in this house in the year 1808.

*An Indian Scare.*—At the time of the close of the war of 1812–15, and the establishment of peace between the United States and England, communication between the different parts of this country was very uncertain, and at times exceedingly slow. For instance, the battle of New Orleans was fought on the 8th of January, 1815, and peace had been effected on the 24th day of December, 1814, and the treaty signed, though it was not ratified by Congress until February 18, 1815. So it happened that the news was late in arriving at Madison, but the few citizens who were here were happy on account of it, and celebrated in the usual manner of the American citizen, by firing off guns and yelling. The residents of Ryker's Ridge, hearing the noise, supposed that it was an Indian attack upon the town, and after placing their families in the block house at Col. John Rykers' farm, and at the house of old Mr. John Thomas—the house just previously spoken of as Griffin's—the men went to town to help their neighbors repel the Indians. When they arrived in town and learned the news, they staid and helped to celebrate, and as whisky was pretty plenty and entirely free, they became very drunk and delayed their return home till after night. As they came along the ridge whooping and yelling, the women, supposing they were Indians after scalps, closed and barricaded the

door at Thomas' house, and prepared for a fight. When the men came to the house and sought admission, the women, not recognizing them, refused to let them in, but as no immediate attack was made upon the house, did not open fire on them, but continued to parley with them until they were finally recognized and admitted, amid great rejoicing. So rounded up the last Indian scare in the settlements of Jefferson county, in the summer of 1815.

George Richey came from Garrard county, Kentucky, and settled on Clifty three miles from Madison, in 1806.

Bazaleel Maxwell came from Kentucky, and settled in the vicinity of Hanover in this year. He was followed by relatives of the name of McCullough and Tilfords, who brought with them a preacher by the name of McClung.—See Rev. Love H. Jame-son's letter at another place.

1807.—In the spring of this year Mr. Archibald Dinwiddie removed to this county near to where Hanover now stands, from Henry county, Ky. The Indians were so troublesome that he returned to Kentucky. In 1809 he again came to the place which he had selected in this county and settled down and remained there till he died. The settlers built a fort or blockhouse upon his farm after his return.

In the "Tract Book" of lands in Jefferson county is found an entry of "the S. E. Quarter of Section 20,

Township 4, North Range 10 East, July 15th, 1808," "located by James Edwards." The patent was issued to him but has never been recorded. When he first came here, there is no means at present to finding out, but it must have been previous to the date of the patent, either in that spring or during the year of 1807.

The settlers, within the bounds of Jefferson county, previous to the year 1808, all made their homes on the tops of the hills; at least all of whom we have any account did so.

1808.—Mr. William Hall squatted upon the ground, whereon the city water-works engine-house now stands, in the spring of this year. He cleared a few acres of land and built a cabin in the spring of this year. He sold out his claim in the next year to Mr. Jonathan Lyon. This was the first settlement on the bottom; all previous to this had located on the hill-tops.

John H. Wagner, blacksmith, came in May, 1808. See sketch.

Mr. Mason Watts also came to the county in this year. He was the first white man who settled in Marengo township. He lived there for many years, but afterwards went to Ripley county. His wife made for herself the first loom made in the county, out of a white walnut tree, doing the entire work with her own hands, so says the authority for this sketch. Mr. Watts was a man noted for his great strength, and prowess as a hunter. He followed hunting as his profession.

In this year, "Gentleman Christopher Harrison"—as he is called in the court records of the county—is supposed to have come to this county. There was an inscription, "CHRISTOPHER HARRISON, JULY 8TH, 1808," upon a beech tree which stood in front of his cabin, near to where Hanover now stands, which was supposed to have reference to the date of his arrival at that place. (See sketch of Harrison.)

1809.—There seems to have been a great drawing to Jefferson county in this year, and the settlers spread out more over the country now within the present bounds of the county. We find them in the limits of what are now Hanover, Shelby, Monroe, Madison, Lancaster, Republican, and Graham townships. Previously there had been only a very few outside of what is now Madison township. We find the names of John Paul, Lewis Davis and Jonathan Lyons, the proprietors of the town of Madison, and Joseph Lane, at the north end of Dugan's Hollow, on the top of the hill. He afterwards entered land in the present confines of Monroe township, seven miles north of this place and one mile east. He removed to it and lived there till he died. He gave the land for the Hebron church and graveyard, and was the first person buried there. His grave is unmarked and is now unknown.

Thomas Hughes and David Hughes, his son, settled in Republican township, near to where Kent now stands,

but becoming alarmed by the Indian raids, removed to Madison and afterwards to a farm of Col. John Paul, at Clifty, where they remained until the year 1814, when David Hughes removed into what is now Lancaster township. He was from North Carolina.

Mr. William Robbins—see his sketch—came to Indiana Territory this year and settled in what is now Shelby township.

Mr. Alex. Chambers and son, William, settled in Republican township and built a block house. See sketch of William Chambers.

William Dunn settled at Hanover during the year. See sketch.

1810.—Thomas Jameson settled on lands owned by Alexander McNutt, immediately opposite to Clifty Falls, on the south side of the creek. At this place the Rev. Love H. Jameson was born May 17th, 1811. He is still living at Indianapolis, his sight almost gone, a worthy and honored Christian and a humble follower of his Master; patiently awaiting the Master's call and doing His will. He has faithfully preached "The Word" for many years, to the salvation of many souls. He is the beloved father of many in Christ. He is gentle, peaceful, and Christlike in his life and character.

John Booth and Samuel Burnett—both tavern-keepers—are supposed to have come to this county in this year. Robert M. Trotter, a hatter, Joshua Wilkinson, a carpenter, John Sering and — Strickland, in the town of

Madison, which was laid out in this year. William Ramsay built his mill in what is now Republican township. From these mills came the P. O. name, Ramsey's Mills; this was afterwards changed to the present name of Kent.

1811.—The increase of population this year seems to have been principally at Madison, where the first sale of lots was made in this year, in February.

Dawson Blackmore, a hatter by trade, came to Madison in 1811, June 14th, and built a log house on Walnut street, between Second and High, which was intended for, and was used as a fort, having loopholes pierced through the logs, through which to shoot if attack was made. Four and five families would frequently be there in the night time for safety. In a narrative by Blackmore, in 1850, he says: "The persons who were here then (*i. e.*, when he came) were John Paul, Robert Trotter, a hatter, and family, John Sering, Jonathan Lyon and family, John Booth and family, first tavern keeper, Samuel Burnett, best tavern, Joshua Wilkinson, carpenter, Vawter family, and Joseph Strickland." At what dates Trotter, Booth, Burnett, Wilkinson and Strickland came to the territory is unknown, but it must have been early in 1811, or perhaps in 1810, as Blackmore found them here when he came.

In another place the statement is made that Gen. Alex. Meek was admitted to practice as an attorney, at a court held at Wagner's log cabin,

so that Meek can be called an inhabitant at that time.

In the early history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this county, is found a statement of the forming of a class in the month of July of this year, consisting of James McClean and wife, Thomas Hughes and wife—formerly mentioned as coming in 1809—a Mrs. Cole, and George Burton. The arrival of these in the bounds of what is now Jefferson County is not now to be ascertained.

In the same sketch, Judge Sparks is mentioned as having preached the first sermon in a house in the town of Madison.

In this year Blackmore enumerates the cabins in Madison (See Madison.)

Thomas Rosebery, Sr., settled in the present confines of Graham township in this year. "He purchased land from Robert Russell, an old pioneer who preceded him."

1812.—During this year there was quite an addition to the population of the county. In October of this year, Williamson Dunn, of Hanover, organized a company of rangers, under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved January 8, 1812, "authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers, etc.," consisting of a captain, three lieutenants, one ensign, four sergeants, four corporals and sixty privates. As twenty-five of these came from Kentucky with Ristine, who was the first lieutenant, the remainder belonged to Jefferson county, making forty-six

men of war from this county in actual service.

William Hendricks came to Madison during this year; Rufus Gale and son, Elmore Gale, came to Madison August 12, of this year, and settled on a farm in the western part of Madison.

Samuel Demaree also came this year, and settled on Indian Kentucky.

Henry Ristine came from Kentucky with twenty-five men to join Capt. Dunn's company of rangers. After his term of service expired, he settled here in Madison, and established a tannery on the ground now occupied by Dietz's tan yard, on Aulenbach Avenue. He also kept a tavern on the south-east corner of Mulberry and Main streets. He went from here to Crawfordsville, where he died.

Among early names on the court records in the year 1812 are: Samuel Smock, William Cotton, and Williamson Dunn, Judges of the Common Pleas Court. Isaiah Blankinship's name appears on a jury of enquiry on mill seat of George Shannon, Sr., March 20, 1812. Blankinship was near Ramsey's Mills in Republican township. Thursday, June 18 mention of Wm. Ramsey's Mill is made in a petition for a road. Same day Samuel Burnett, license for a tavern, one year. Friday, 19 an order appointing Elisha Golay Inspector of Jefferson township. Jesse Gray, Inspector of Madison township. He lived out near Wirt. Thomas Taylor Inspector of Washington township. October 23, 1812,



the names of Robert and James Trotter, John M. Johnston, James Hicks, Abraham Fisk, Thomas McFarland, John Eads, David and Ebenezer Hillis.

The following names are found composing the first Grand Jury of record. June term, 1812. Common Pleas Court.

CHRISTOPHER HARRISON,  
*Foreman.*

JONATHAN LYONS,  
GARSHOM LEE,  
PAUL FROMAN,  
HENRY SELLARS,  
DAVID CUMMINS,  
JAMES WATSON,  
JOHN M. JOHNSTON,  
JOHN RHOADS,  
DAVID MCKAY,  
THOMAS HUGHES,  
JAMES EDWARDS,  
JOSHUA CANE,  
MATTHEW WISE,  
JOSHUA WILKINSON.

The Grand Jury October, 1812,  
was :

LINSFIELD BRANHAM,  
*Foreman.*

WM. VAWTER,  
JOSEPH LANE,  
JAMES UNDERWOOD,  
JOHN HALL,  
JOHN BRANHAM,  
JOHN RYKER,  
ALEXANDER CHAMBERS,  
JAMES WARD,  
THOMAS STRIBLING,  
JAMES McLANE,  
JACOB RHOADS,  
JOHN RANDALLS,  
JOSHUA WILKINSON,  
RICHARD HOPKINS,  
GIDEON UNDERWOOD,  
ARCHIBALD DINWIDDIE.

The Linsfield Branham spoken of above was the father of Hon. David C. Branham, a well known citizen of our county, a sketch of whom is in another place. John Branham, mentioned above, was a cousin of Linsfield, and left this county at an early day and went to Vernon, Indiana, where he raised a large family

Richard Hopkins came from Virginia and brought with him a number of slaves, whom he freed. He came to this State because he was convinced of the wrong of slavery, and desired to free his slaves, which he could not do in Virginia. He settled upon the farm now owned by John W. Scott, on Ryker's Ridge. After remaining here for a few years, he went to New London, which loomed up at that time as the coming city of the State and the West. He remained there until his death.

1813.—Wm. L. Reynolds came to Madison during this year. He is said to have driven the first dray ever seen in the town. He afterwards located near Dupont. See sketch of J. L. Reynolds.

In this year the first settler in what is now Lancaster township, made his appearance, in the person of James Hays, (from Columbiana county, Ohio) at the place where Landon's mills now stand.

1814.—Arnold Custer, with three sons, James, Jesse and William, came to Jefferson county during this year. He cleared four acres of ground and erected a log cabin on the present site

of Mud Lick. It was the farthest settlement north on the present Michigan road. In the following year they returned to Kentucky and brought the family. He was the oldest grandson of William Custer, the pioneer of that family in America. He had twenty-four sons, from whom came all of the host of Custers in this country. He was a citizen of Virginia. Arnold Custer was a relative of Daniel Boone by marriage, their wives being both named Schull.

When Arnold Custer and his sons first came to this State they camped alongside of a big oak tree which had been blown down, and that they made their home till they built their cabin and it was ready for use. He came from near the salt works in Kentucky, and when he brought his family over to his Indiana home, he brought a cargo of salt on horseback, for his own use, and for sale to the citizens. In 1815 he and his sons went to where Vernon now is and cleared a patch of ground for Col. John Vawter. They built a cabin there, which stood near to where the Jennings county court house now stands. Arnold Custer and his sons may be termed pioneers of two counties of Indiana.

*Indians.*—They were always on the lookout for Indians, and prepared for an attack. On one occasion, during their first sojourn in Indiana, they all went to bed at night full of Indian fancies. Clothing was scarce, and they had to do their own mending. The shirt of one of the boys needed

some repairs. He concluded to do it that night, so he arose from the bed and taking a bundle of bark lighted it at the fire and sat down to mend his shirt. He made no noise, and was attent upon the business in hand.—every motion he made was reproduced in grotesque shadow upon the walls and inner surface of the roof of the cabin. One of his brothers awaking, saw the shadows, and having Indian on the brain, immediately aroused the rest. They all seized their guns ready for the slaughter of the Indians who had so daringly entered their castle. In the dim and uncertain light, they were near to shooting the shirt mender before the mistake was discovered.

*Pioneer Incident.*—The grandmother of Arnold Custer had been to the house of a neighbor to warp a piece of cloth. When on her return she was captured by a band of Indians. They went so close to her own house that she heard the cry of her child. She was taken to Quebec and there sold, but managing to escape, she made her way back to her former home in Kentucky. When she arrived home she found that her husband in some way had heard of the prisoners being carried to Quebec, and had started to go for her. She immediately started back upon the weary road to the Canadas, seeking her husband. When she had traveled some few days she saw some men who were burying a body in a field near the road. She went over to them

and found that it was her husband, who had been attacked with fever but a few days after he left home, and had died the day before, after a lingering illness of several weeks.

Mr. James Jackson settled near Kent in November of this year. Gideon Gordon and Bill Thicksteen were also settlers in that neighborhood in this year.

The Benefiels, two brothers, from Kentucky; McLeland, also from Kentucky, settled in what is now Shelby township, in the fall of this year. Mr. Wm. C. McLeland came here that year. All of these settled near to and around Buchanan's Station or blockhouse.

BUCHANAN'S STATION was built in 1813 by William Buchanan, John and David, his brothers, and George Benefiel, upon the land of the three Buchanan's. The fort was a square building of sixty feet front, built solid, and pierced with loop-holes for firing from. The upper story—rather the roof—projected over the wall of the main building, so as to overlook the sides. There were four block houses in a line, extending about 300 or 400 feet, in which the families of the country congregated and lived when danger of an Indian raid was feared. It was at this time the extreme frontier of the country in that direction, and was garrisoned the greater part of the time, for three or four years, by the rangers under Capt. Dunn and Capt. Hillis.

It was situated about three miles north-east of Canaan on the line divid-

ing Jefferson and Ripley counties.

DR. ISRAEL T. CANBY was a large owner of town property in Madison. He came here about 1816, and lived here for many years, removing from here to Crawfordsville, some time about 1830. He was the father of Gen. R. Canby of the United States Army, who was killed by the Modocs in the lava fields. Gen. Canby was a boy when the doctor, his father, came here, and entered West Point from here.

*Early County Roads.*—The early roads of the county were merely traces through the woods, but they sufficed for the use of the inhabitants, for there was but little matter to be transported and transportation was principally on horseback. Wagons were rarely used, and these of the heaviest and most cumbrous kind. The early settlers of this county, for the greater part at least, had but little possessions in the way of household goods, and these were carried on horseback from their former homes. After wagons and Dearborns came into tolerably general use, roads were cut through the forests. The first one leading out of Madison to the north, was up the point of the hill at the head of Mulberry street. Traces of this may be still seen along the point. This led to the Vawter neighborhood on the top of the Michigan Hill, and thence to where North Madison now is, and out to the neighborhood of Wirt. The road up to Ryker's Ridge was up the river to Eagle Hollow, and up Eagle to the

first long hollow putting into it from the left, and up this on to the ridge. At this point, the Lawrenceburg road bore off to the east, going up the next long hollow coming down from the right. Later, the State road was made up the hill on the west side of Irish Hollow; coming to the top of the hill just opposite to the present toll-gate on the North Madison pike, and thence west of north, through Wirt and Dupont. Just at the top of the hill, and between this road and the railroad, on the west side of the railroad cut, stood the first church built in the county, a Baptist meeting-house, built by the Vawters principally, and called Mt. Pleasant.

After this, was opened up the Graham road, going up Crooked Creek valley to the head of it, and rising the hill there at the place of Mr. James Wilson, and from there on the range line due north for about seven miles. This was the route of communication for all of the north part of the county. The road extended over to Graham Creek in Ripley county. The Michigan road was laid out in the year 1831, and work was commenced upon it in that year. It led from Madison through Indianapolis to Michigan City on Lake Michigan.

The road to Hanover and the west of the county went along the river and up the hill into Hanover; from there it branched off to Lexington to the west, Ramsey's mills to the northwest, and thence through to Graham township, and to the south into Saluda.

The roads in early times were like angel's visits; "few and far between."

The first attempt at supplementing nature, in order to have a firm road that would uphold the travel during the soft times of the winter season and the wet spells of the spring and summer, was the corduroy. This was by splitting rails out of trees, or taking saplings or logs, and putting them across the road on a dirt foundation, which would support the wagons, and prevent "stalling in the mud."

Those who have traveled upon this species of road need no reminder of the trials and suffering connected with them; and to those who have been accustomed to the advantages of good pikes, it would be an utter impossibility to give such a description of them as to make them fully understood. As has been said: "Seeing is believing, but feeling is the naked truth." Demonstration, by a ride for a few miles upon such a road, is the only way by which appreciation of them could be had. When first placed in position, these rails are covered by a small thinness of dirt, but the rains and the shaking of travel soon recovers from this, and the naked rails are left, each one giving its own peculiar jar and jolt.

The necessity of good roads was an axiom ever before the community, and about 1850 to 1854 plank roads were made from Madison to Greensburg, Brownstown, Hanover, Lexington and Vevay. After these roads were tried for a few years, and found to be

impracticable on account of the expense attending the repairs needed upon them, they were finally abandoned, and the present system of gravel, or macadamized roads, took their place. The county is now well furnished with these, running from Madison as the center, to all parts of the county, thus making communication, throughout the entire space of it, practicable at all times of the year.

There was an old soldier of the "war of twelve" who formerly lived in Milton township. He was an annual candidate for the Legislature, and always had his tickets printed with the picture of a soldier in the position of "Attention," upon them. His hobby was "the *My-shag-in* road." His plan was to make a road-bed of charcoal, by making a pit the entire length of the road, and placing the wood in it, burn it, thus leaving the charcoal as the road. Had he succeeded in his plan, there would have been a road resulting from it, far ahead of any we now have, in all of its parts.

This was an entirely new departure, and was looked upon in that day as a chimera of the brain of a man who was what would now be called a crank. Whether it was an original idea of his or not, it has been tested since then, and is found to be of great worth and permanence as a road material. This man's name was Samuel Welsh.

*Abolitionism.*—This county was settled largely by a class of people coming from slave States, who were

convinced that human slavery was a sin, and for that reason fled from it in order to raise their families in a territory where its blight would not affect their children. As the Act of Congress passed July 13, 1787, establishing the territory north-west of the Ohio river, provided: "Article 6 There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the said territory, otherwise than in the punishment of crime." These men made Indiana their home.

This feeling of the wrong of slavery was only strengthened by their residence here, and finally developed into what was known as the "Underground Railroad." This incorporal corporation had two distinct routes through Jefferson county. The eastern route having its entrepot in the region of Eagle Hollow, and route of travel by way of "Ryker's Ridge," along Indian Kentucky Creek through Shelby township, thence towards Canada. The western route had its entrepot in Saluda township; route of travel through Hanover, Smyrna, Lancaster and Monroe townships into Ripley county. There were many stations along each of these routes. At each station there was generally a change of conductors. A very lively business was carried on along this road. Many of the active employees are still living.

Many of them were known to the detectives of those days, but so well and secretly did they carry on their work, and so true were they to each other, and to what they held to be the

great principle of right for which they strove, that but few convictions were ever made under the law, which they were breaking, or at least disregarding. They will have their reward. It was very seldom that a convoy was seen during daylight. The mode of operating has never been fully divulged, but it ought to be; and a full history of this work and the men engaged in it would make a most fascinating book.

*County Court.*—The first County Court was convened June 15th, 1812. It was entitled, "The Court of Common Pleas, for Jefferson county, Indiana Territory." The first judges were: Samuel Smock, William Cotton and Williamson Dunn. The court combined civil, probate and county business, and continued to transact all of the legal business of the county until Nov. 7th, 1814. At this time the "Circuit Court" was established and the criminal and civil business was transferred to that court, leaving only the probate and county business in the Common Pleas Court. The Court of Common Pleas was abolished at the time that Indiana became a State. The name of Jesse L. Holman is found upon the records as Prosecutor of the Court of Common Pleas Court. His name appears as the first Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court. Williamson Dunn and Samuel Smock as Associate Judges.

John Vawter was the first Sheriff of the county; John Paul the first Clerk and Recorder. John Sering was first Treasurer.

*The County Jail.*—The first jail was built in the year 1811. Like the first court house, it was built of logs. One of the early chroniclers says: "It was one house built inside of another." It was supposed to be a place of secure keep for the rogues and malefactors of that day. It was located on the alley back of the present one. As mentioned elsewhere, the first item of record in the way of business in the Commissioners' Court was: "Thomas Stribling, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, filed his petition against the jail of this county, which was ordered filed," Feb. 11th, 1817. On the 29th of September, 1817, the contract was awarded to David Hillis, "to build a jail of logs, hewed ten by twelve inches. Dimensions twenty-two by twenty-four feet from out to out, of two stories in height, with a shingle roof; a stairway to lead from the lower to the upper floor, inside of the rooms." Amount to be paid \$800. This house was built east of the first one, nearer to Walnut street. The young men and boys of that period used the east side of this building as a five-court, for playing that game of ball.

The Committee reports that publication was made for bids in the *Republican*, a newspaper of Madison, and that the bid of James H. Wallace was the lowest and best bid.

Thereupon the court awarded to him the contract to build a court house of brick, according to the plan furnished, at the cost of \$2,700, to be finished by January 1, 1830.

January 7th, 1833, Wm. G. Wharton, Sheriff, filed a protest against the jail of the county, stating that it was "insufficient to keep prisoners," and "that there was no place fit for prisoners for debt." The result of this protest was the building of jail No. 4, by Peck & Temperly. C. P. J. Arion was appointed superintendent of the constructions.

The present jail was built by McKinn & Falconer, at a cost of \$8,900, and was received by the County Commissioners, on October 27th, 1849.

The first, second, fourth and fifth of these jails were built on the same lot of ground, varying but little as to the precise spot occupied by the different buildings.

The third, which was called the "brick jail," was located upon the back end of the lot now occupied by the Upper Seminary. The first prisoner put into this bastile, was an old negro by the name of Bob Hopkins. He was a celebrity of the town for many years. He was brought here by his master, Richard Hopkins, and freed. He worked at anything he could put his hand to when here, but was usually employed on the early keel and flat-boats as a cook and hand. He was a great drunkard, but scarcely ever out of humor. He was put into this jail and in a few hours had made a large enough hole through the wall to crawl out of, and thus liberated himself, making the first jail escape in the county.

*Court House.*—A log court house

was built in 1811. It stood on the south half of the court house square. Mr. Simeon Hunt says: "That it was a two-story building of buckeye logs, with stairs on the outside (south side) going up to the jury rooms." He also says, "that when the brick court house was built (1823), the old log house was removed to the "Shannon lot," on the south side of Main, west of Jefferson, where Hagedon's saddlery shop now is (1889). There it was used for many years as store-rooms and dwelling houses."

In 1823 the first brick court house was built on the site of the present one. During the building of this, as they were raising the large girders for the roof, Mr. Kirk, a shoemaker (the father of our former well-known citizen, Capt. John Kirk), was killed. Mr. Kirk was assisting in pulling up the rope for hoisting, when it broke, and the timber fell upon him, crushing him.

The old brick court house was an octagon in form, with the Judge's seat on the east side of the room, raised considerably above the floor. A large window was immediately behind the chair of the Presiding Judge; on either side of him was a chair for the Associate Judges. About one-half of the room was railed off for the use of the bar, their clients, the witnesses, and the officers of the court. On the south side of the room a stairway led to the upper floor, where were the jury rooms. The foot of this stairway was on a line with the railing and entered

on the inside of the "bar," and the banister of the stairway acted as a continuous barrier with the railing, shutting the mere spectator out of the immediate presence of, and contact with, the court. The entire lower floor was occupied as a court room.

The old court house was destroyed by fire Sept. 12th, 1853, and the present house was erected upon the same ground. This house was partially destroyed by fire in 1859. This house is built of stone up to the second floor. The ground floor is occupied by the county offices, and the Commissioners' court room. To all of the offices except that of the Sheriff there are large fire-proof rooms attached, used for keeping the records connected with the different offices. These rooms are large and dry, and of sufficient size to contain all of the records of the county at present. In the center of the building there is a wide hall extending the entire length of the building, from the front vestibule at the entrance on Jefferson street. There is another hall of the same width leading from an entrance door at the middle of the house on Main street. This hall intersects the main hall. In the eastern part of the main hall a stairway leads to the second floor. Above the second floor the building is of brick. The second floor is used for the court room and offices. Like ancient Gaul, it is divided into three parts. At the front or west end is a hall, or rather, a landing, for the main stairway from below,

which starts on either hand from the main entrance on the ground floor. From this hall or landing, stairways lead on either side to the gallery of the court room. In the center is the court room, which occupies three-fourths of the entire floor; on the east, in the rear of the court room, on the south is a room occupied during term time as the Clerk's office. In the center is a small hall at the head of the stairway before spoken of. On the north is the Judge's room. Alongside of the Judge's room, to the west is a stairway leading to jury rooms, and up to the attic. On top of the roof is a large cupola, in which is a clock and bell. On the west front is the main entrance to the building, which is an arcade of about thirty feet in length, and ten feet wide, consisting of three arches, supported in the front by stone pillars and masonry, the ends being closed. The approach to this is by five steps of stone, extending entirely across the building. Surrounding this arcade, and entered from the second floor of the building, is a beautiful open stone porch, the roof of which is supported by four huge pillars of stone of the Ionic order.

The original cost of this structure was \$36,000. Mr. David Dubach, now of Hannibal, Mo., was the architect. The builders were David Dubach, Henry C. Kyle and J. W. Hinds.

*The County Asylum*—Is a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of land,



having large buildings of stone, situated about two and one-half miles west of Madison. The place is ample to sustain and keep all the paupers of the county. Under the early system of the country, the paupers were farmed out to the lowest bidder, but in the course of time this class had increased so much in numbers as to require a different arrangement for their care and keep. A Poor Farm was established by the county about three miles northwest of Madison. This was used for many years. Next, property was purchased upon Ryker's Ridge, about two miles northeast of town, and a large brick edifice was erected. This was used for some years. The house having burned, the commissioners sold that site and bought the one west of the city.

*Early Religion.*—Copy of a letter from Rev. Love H. Jameson :

INDIANAPOLIS,  
5th Feb'y, 1889.

W. P. HENDRICKS, Esq.,

Madison, Ind.

*Dear Sir:*—Your letter of 25th ult. received; contents carefully noted. My very imperfect vision, and the difficulty with which I write, will account for my delay in answering. Any statements which I make will be confined to the first and second decades of the century.

Any incidents occurring during the first decade, that I may mention will be as reported to me by my father and others who took part in them. The incidents of the second decade

will consist mainly of personal recollection.

What is now called Jefferson county began to be settled by settlers from Kentucky during the first years of the century; a settlement on Indian Kentucky creek gave it its present name.

In the year 1806 George Richey, my uncle, from Garrard county, Kentucky, settled on Clifty, three miles west of the present city of Madison, and one-half mile north of Edwards' Mill, on Clifty. He was followed by my father in 1810, who settled on lands owned by Alexander McNutt, immediately opposite Clifty Falls, on the south side of the creek. This was my birthplace. I was born on the 17th day of May, 1811.

I always understood, from my father and others, that the city of Madison was laid out by Col. John Paul, Jonathan Lyons, and another whose name I have forgotten, in the fall of the year 1810, and the lots began to be disposed of in the spring of the following year.

The country was being rapidly settled, and in consequence the town grew up quickly.

During the last years of the first decade, Jesse Vawter and his brother Philemon, both of them Baptist preachers, settled in the vicinity of the site of Madison. Jesse settled on the top of what is now known as the Michigan Hill, and Philemon at the foot, in the valley of Crooked Creek, in the edge of what is now the old cemetery.\*

My impression is that these men

\* Springdale cemetery is meant.

were the first men in the vicinity who established a church. They subsequently build their meeting-house on the top of the hill immediately west of Irish Hollow, and called it Mount Pleasant. The preachers of the Baptist denomination who succeeded the Vawters, it will be impossible for me to name in order of succession, nor can I, with any certainty, give the date of their service or employment. Col. John Vawter and his brother James—sons of Jesse Vawter—and James Glover, a son-in-law, were largely instrumental in extending the church throughout the county.

Col. John Vawter (if my memory serves me) kept the first store in Madison; his place of business being on the southwest corner of Mulberry and Main Cross streets.\*

As early as the year 1806, Bazaleel Maxwell settled in the vicinity of Hanover; he was followed by relatives bearing the names of Maxwell, McCullough and Tilford, who brought with them from Kentucky a preacher by the name of John McClung. McClung was a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church, but had left that church before leaving Kentucky, and associated himself with Barton W. Stone. As soon as they reached the territory, McClung began to evangelize through the country and establish preaching places, from the mouth of Saluda to the east fork of Indian Kentucky, in the north part of

what is now called Shelby township. He preached in the neighborhood of the residence of a Mrs. Snodgrass, on Saluda Creek; at Samuel Maxwell's, four miles west of Hanover, on White River; at James Crawford's, on the north bank of Clifty, three miles west of Madison; at William Richey's, on the middle fork, just above where the railroad now crosses that stream; at Thomas Jameson's (my father's), on the Michigan road, nine miles north of Madison, and at George Myers' five miles north-east of Thomas Jameson's, on the east fork of Indian Kentucky, and three miles north of Canaan. He continued to minister in these several localities till the year 1820, when he removed to Indianapolis, where he died shortly afterward. He preached the first sermon ever preached in Indianapolis, and died the week after. (See Nolan's *History of Indianapolis*.)

The second of these preaching places (Kent on White River), and the last two (Liberty, on the Michigan road, and Shelby, on east fork of Indian Kentucky) became and still remain churches.

During the second decade the following traveling preachers visited and preached in these several places, viz.: Henry Brown, Joshua Lindsay, Freeman Walden, Harrison Osborne, Benj. F. Hall, John Mavity, Fletcher Mavity, Francis D. Palmer, John Rogers, Samuel Rogers, Barton W. Stone, Joseph Trowbridge, Daniel Combs, William Kinkaid, Reuben

\* Main and Main Cross was the place.

Dooley, James Hughes, and others whose names I do not now remember. These three churches, subsequently, came into what we now call the Reformation.

At a very early period the Methodists began to establish themselves in Madison; this was during the first half of the second decade.

The first preachers, to the best of my recollection, were Dr. John Heath, who used to visit and preach at Liberty, William Wallace, the father of James Wallace, and Dr. Oglesby. They soon became the leading religious denomination in town, and from that point spread over the country.

The Presbyterians appeared during the first half of the second decade and were ministered to by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, with whom I was personally acquainted. There was a congregation of Seceders some two or three miles southwest of Hanover, ministered to by a gentleman whose name was Fulton.

Any other items (in regard to the early history of Madison and vicinity that I am able to furnish) it will afford me great pleasure to lay before you, if you desire.

Very truly yours,

L. H. JAMESON.

#### CHURCHES.

The first church organized in the county was the Mount Pleasant Baptist church, in March, 1807, on the hill near North Madison. It was first called Crooked Creek church, but was

afterwards changed in name. As will be seen by the biographical sketches, in this work, the Baptist Christians were zealous in organizing churches wherever "two or three" were met together. They grew up with the county and now occupy a front rank. They have a large congregation in Madison and worship in a fine brick building on Vine street, between Main and Third. At present they are without a minister. Throughout the county are Wirt, Hebron, Hopewell, Dupont, Flatbottom, Ryker's Ridge and Saluda churches.

There is a "colored" Baptist church in Madison.

*Methodist.*—The Methodist church was first organized in Madison by the Rev. Walter Griffith, who was on the Lawrenceburg circuit in the year 1811. One account says it was in July, and another that it was in October of that year that he "formed a class at George Burton's house," which was at about the point where the city water-works engine-house now stands. Elijah Sparks, an attorney and afterwards a judge, was a zealous local M. E. preacher, probably the first man who preached regularly in the town. Col. Patrick Brown, of Kentucky, preached frequently before 1811. Col. Brown removed to this county, and lived and died on a farm two miles from town, on what is now known as the Telegraph Hill. The first Methodist church building was made in Madison in 1816. It was a small brick house, situated on

the lot at the northeast corner of Main and East streets.

The church grew and multiplied in the county until it is now the strongest Protestant church; their buildings are scattered all over the county and their names are many. In the city of Madison is Trinity church; pastor, J. W. Turner, with a membership of some six hundred. They have a fine, commodious brick building on Broadway; North Madison, Mt. Zion, Olive Branch churches in Madison township; Morris Chapel and Pleasant Ridge in Milton; Big Creek and Mud Lick in Monroe; Canaan in Shelby; Dupont in Lancaster. Churches in all of the townships.

There are several churches of colored persons, of Methodist belief, in the county. Two of them in the city of Madison.

*Presbyterian.*—In December, 1814, the Rev. Wm. Robinson, a Presbyterian minister, came to Madison and took up his residence there. There was no Presbyterian church at Madison, or nearer to it than Charlestown, in Clark county. Mr. Robinson taught school and preached. Late in 1815 he organized the Presbyterian church in Madison, with a membership of fifteen or twenty. He preached at first in the house of D. Blackmore, on Walnut and High streets.

He was followed in July, 1819, by Thomas C. Searle, who organized the church at Hanover, on March 4th, 1820, with twenty-three members, who had previously belonged to Mad-

ison church. He was installed pastor of the churches at Madison and Hanover, August 13th, 1820. He died October 15th, 1821, "a minister greatly beloved and very useful."

A Mr. Trimble succeeded him for a short time and after him Rev. James Johnson. During the pastorate of Mr. Johnson, the great scission in the Presbyterian church, in 1833, occurred, and he cast his lot with the new school and formed Madison Second, of which he was pastor for some years. He was followed by Rev. Henry Little, Harvey Curtis, Atterbury, Keigwin, Fisher and others. Their present minister is Rev. J. H. Barnard, D. D. After the split in the church, the Old School church continued as the First Presbyterian church of Madison, under the care of Rev. W. Matthews, Dr. Owen, Mr. Leavenworth, F. T. Brown, Rev. Simms, Rev. Hawes, Prof. Ryors, Dr. Archibald E. Barr, Wm. C. Young and Dr. Simpson. Their present pastor is Rev. W. R. Brown, D. D.

These are now united in one Assembly and under one faith. The Second Church building, a neatly finished brick, is on the northeast corner of Third and West streets. The house of the First Church is on the northeast corner of Broadway and First streets.

Jefferson church, in Shelby township, was organized October 17th, 1818, by Rev. Orrin Fowler, of the "Connecticut Missionary Society," with fourteen members. Lancaster

church, in Lancaster township—afterwards in Monroe township—was the Presbyterian church for that portion of the county. In 1833, Monroe church was formed, in the scission of the church. At the healing of the difficulty these two churches came together under the name of Monroe, and exist as the Monroe church to-day. There is a neat stone church belonging to this congregation eight miles north from Madison.

Smyrna Presbyterian church is situated in Smyrna township, eight miles from Madison. Rev. A. Z. Moore is in charge of this, Hanover and Sharon Hill. Sharon Hill is about four miles west of Hanover, in Republican township.

At this time, January, 1889, Hanover has a membership of 173; Sharon Hill, 57; Smyrna, 34; Madison First, 190; Madison Second, 143; Monroe, 37; Jefferson, 39.

*The United Presbyterian.*—There are two congregations of this church in this county. One at Madison, under the care of Rev. J. L. Aten, and one at Carmel, in Hanover township, under Rev. Jackson. The membership of this branch of the church is principally among the farming community.

*The Episcopal Church.*—There is but one regularly organized church of this denomination in the county; that is "Christ Church" of Madison. The membership is about 100. Rev. Heermans is the preacher.

*The Church in Jesus Christ.*—This denomination has a congregation in

Madison, which was organized May 29th, 1836, with twenty-three members. J. M. Tilford was made bishop *pro tem*. There is one of their churches in Monroe township, called "Liberty," the oldest in the county; there are several others through the county. The edifice in Madison is a very nice brick, beautifully finished. They have no pastor at present.

*The United Brethren* have several organizations in the county, but at present there is no regular services held in any of their churches.

*The Roman Catholic.*—This church has two fine edifices in the city of Madison: St. Michael's, at the head of Church street, on the north of Third, Father Gueguen, priest; and St. Mary's, on Second street, east of Walnut, Father Seepe, priest. St. Michael's is the older building, and was for many years the only one in the city. It is of stone, and quite a large and good house. It is the church of the English-speaking members. St. Mary's is a beautiful house of brick, and is the German Catholic church. At North Madison is another church, St. Patrick's, Father Wiederin, priest. The house is a substantial brick. At China is another Catholic church.

*The Universalist.*—There is a church of this order in Madison; the house, a pleasant little frame, is situated on Poplar Lane, near Third. There is also an organization in Saluda township.

*Adventists.*—There is a society of Seventh Day Adventists in Monroe township, but there is no report of the organization furnished for publication.

*Morgan Raid.*—In July, 1863, during the late civil war, John Morgan, a General in the rebel army, passed through this county on his raid through Indiana and Ohio. His troops destroyed a great amount of property, but as their visit was somewhat restricted as to time, their opportunity for plunder was straitened also, to the advantage of the citizens of the county.

Morgan seemed to be heading for Madison for the purpose of plunder, and of escape back into Kentucky, but the city was so well garrisoned by troops of the Indiana Legion, that he made a detour northward from Lexington, Scott county, towards Vernon, Jennings county; so that the main body of his troops went only through the western and northern portions of the county. The route of his men was marked by wanton destruction of property, the roads being strewn with all kinds of portable property, taken from the houses and farms of the citizens, and when found to be in the way of the soldiers, or from panic of the pursuing troops under Gen. Hobson, were cast away in order to lighten their horses. The road from Dupont across to the Michigan road was covered with hams, shoulders and side meat and merchandise of all kinds taken from Mayfield's pork house and the stores of Dupont. The fields of wheat

alongside of the road, were, in many instances, entirely destroyed by the cavalry riding through them, and allowing the horses to forage upon the shocks, and by trampling them under the feet of the horses. The railroad bridges for miles on either side of the line of their march were burned, and the track of the railroad was torn up wherever any party of the rebels crossed it. The railroad track at Dupont was of such a construction as to resist their attempts at tearing it up and destroying it at that place, to the great astonishment of the rebels who had never seen any combination rails before. Five miles of the road (two and one-half miles on either side of Dupont) was laid with rails which lapped and were bolted together, so that the track for this distance was one continuous rail.

The farmers of the county suffered considerable loss from both of the armies—the army of Gen. Morgan taking the best of the horses that they could find, and the pursuing army, under Gen. Hobson, taking the greater part of the remnant. In this case, the prayers of farmers were as hearty to be delivered from their friends as they had been before to be delivered from their enemies. For these losses, by the two armies, many of the citizens have not been reimbursed to this day. Although it was but a light touch of the hand of war, the people did not recover from its effects for years. May we not experience another, especially of the character of

that, where brother was arrayed against brother for the destruction of each other. This was not true only as to the nation, but was a literal fact as to families; in one instance, a brother with the rebels sending a message to one of the towns to his brother that he would kill him on sight. Happily they did not meet.

MADISON.—The city of Madison is the county seat of the county, and the oldest town in the county. It was named for James Madison, President of the United States. There is no record of the date at which it was made the seat of government of the county. It had a population of 8,945 in 1850, and is supposed at this time (1889) to have about 10,000.

*History of Madison.*—The town of Madison was originally laid out in the year 1810. The first sale of lots was made in February, 1811.

The original town was laid off in a parallelogram of four blocks, containing sixteen squares of eight lots each. It was laid out on the magnetic meridian, so that the streets ran directly east and west and north and south. The first plat contained five streets running east and west. High, Second, Main Cross, Third, and Back—now Fourth Street. High street was the southern boundary of the town, and Back, the northern boundary. There were also five streets running north and south at right angles with these, viz: East—the eastern boundary—Walnut, Main, Mulberry and

West, which was the western limit of the town.

The original town was embraced in section two, town III. north, range X east. The ground was originally purchased by John Paul, in the spring sale of lands at Jeffersonville, in the year 1809. He and Lewis Davis and Jonathan Lyons entered into a partnership in the lands and laid out the town.

The second sale of lots was held June 12th, 1812.

Additions were afterwards made to the town to the east, west and north, extending the area of the town into section three, town III north, range X east, and into sections thirty-four and thirty-five, town IV north, range X east.

All of the river front south of High—now First—was afterwards platted as river blocks. These have been since subdivided, and thus the descriptions of city property are various and to a stranger seemingly complicated. In making the additions west to the original town, the trend of the river was followed, making a bend in the streets.

The city of Madison is situated on the north bank of the Ohio river, on a plateau of ground which is really a peninsular tongue of land, formed by the waters of the Ohio river on the south and the waters of Crooked Creek on the north, and drawing towards and finally uniting with the Ohio to the west. The city extends in length, from east to west, something over two

miles, and from north to south about the distance of three-fourths of a mile. The ground is slightly rolling towards either water course, so that the whole city is naturally drained about equally toward each stream, and is consequently high, dry and healthy. It is about 1500 feet above the sea level. On the north of the city the hills arise quite abruptly to the height of nearly four hundred feet. At Walnut street there is a long hollow running north into the hills for about two miles, down which Crooked Creek comes into the city and skirts along the foot of the bluffs or hills. Madison is situated in latitude 38 degrees and six minutes north, and longitude 8 degrees and 20 minutes west from Washington.

The early history of the town is, like that of the county, hard to get hold of. The absence of the county records, before the year 1812, makes it almost impossible, after the death of the early settlers, to establish any facts in regard to the early doings of the inhabitants. Almost every inquiry meets with different answers, which have been partially learned and largely deduced, and principally guessed at; so that the seeker after facts has a hard time to get them, although meeting constantly with persons desirous and anxious to enlighten and assist him.

It is *prima facie* fact that the town was built, and it is acknowledged on all hands as to who were the first proprietors, but after that the skein

is so terribly tangled that it cannot be straightened and unravelled.

*Stores.*—Probably the first store in the town was kept by Col. John Vawter, who came to this county in 1806, with his father, Elder Jesse Vawter. His place of business was on the southeast corner of Main and Jefferson streets, just west of and opposite to the court house. When he established this store cannot be determined, nor how long he continued it. He went to Jennings county in 1815, with David McClure, and they laid out the present town of Vernon. Afterwards he went to Indianapolis, when that place was determined upon as the seat of government for the State. Later he was assisting in laying out and making the town of Morgantown, and again at some two or three points on the old Madison & Indianapolis railroad. Another of the early merchants here was John Sering who, came in the year 1810, and was made county treasurer in 1812. He was appointed as the first postmaster and held the office for many years. He kept a store on the northeast corner of Main and Jefferson streets, where Gertz' bakery now is. At a later date Mr. Sering established the first cotton mill in Madison. It stood on the ground now occupied by the residence of Mr. James J. Sering, on N. Jefferson street. It had only machinery for making cotton yarn. This was made from cotton rolls or batting, and was an industry of very



nearly as great importance in that day as the great cotton mills of our day, where the raw cotton is made into cloths of different grades by machinery. At that time the majority of all of the cloths that were used were made by the women from the raw material, whether of flax, cotton or wool, carding by hand, spinning the thread, and then weaving on a hand loom.

Dr. Drake & Co. started the first drug store in 1813. Then followed Moody Park, Stephen C. Stevens—afterwards he studied law and was one of the judges of the State Supreme Court. The two Hunt's, John and Nat, McCabe & Co., Clarkson, John McIntire, A. C. Lanier, David McClure, John Newberry, Wm. Robinson, John Sheets, B. W. Grover, V. and J. King, Milton Stapp, all kept dry goods and groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, etc. D. Blackmore, John Lee, Robert Trotter, Wm. Brown, C. Bassett, John Kirk, Jacob Luck, Hunter, were early time hatters. C. C. Jeffreys, Jones Simpson, Brant, McCullough were among the early silversmiths.

*Taverns.*—John Booth was the first tavernkeeper, on the east side of Jefferson street, below Second. Samuel Burnet built a log tavern on the present site of the Masonic Temple; David Maxwell followed him. His tavern had a sign of two cross keys. After that it was known as the Bell tavern, because of the big bell which hung on the sign post. This tavern was torn down in 1837. Then

followed Ristine at the corner of Mulberry and Main, Cross and Stapp; John Pugh on the site of the present Madison hotel; Ira Wells on Second street; R. R. Rea on the south of the court house square.

*Physicians.*—Dr. Fisk was the first physician. Dr. Hicks, Dr. Cravens, Dr. Good, two Dr. Howes, Dr. Watts, Drs. Norwood, Hodges and Rogers and Dr. McClure.

The bar is spoken of in another place.

*Newspapers.*—*The Western Eagle* was the first paper published in the town of Madison and the second one published in the State. *The Western Sun* (published in Vincennes, beginning in 1804), being the first one. It was established by Wm. Hendricks and Wm. Cameron, the first number being issued on May 26th, 1813, at Madison, Indiana territory. In the address to the public the editor says it "will be published weekly, and printed on a royal sheet." It was a four page paper, with four columns to the page. It had news from all over our country of from four to six weeks old. This paper continued in the hands of Hendricks and Cameron until the year 1815, when Hendricks sold out to Cameron. After that time there is no reliable history concerning it.

*Indiana Republican.*—As nearly as can be determined, this paper was established by John Lodge. The date of publication was April 8th, 1817. It had as first editor, John Lodge. He edited the paper a little over one year.

He was one of the early citizens of Madison and was engaged in the printing business for a number of years; afterwards he was engaged in merchandise for some years. He was one of the first passenger conductors on the Madison & Indianapolis railroad, and was killed in an accident upon the road Nov. 14th, 1845.

Col. C. P. J. Arion, a brother-in-law of Mr. Lodge, became the editor and co-proprietor of this paper in 1818 and was editor for fifteen years, withdrawing from the paper August 22d, 1833.

Mr. Arion was a Kentuckian by birth, and a brick mason and plasterer by trade. While he was still quite a young man his mother came to Madison for the purpose of freeing her slaves, and Mr. Arion came here with her. The Carter brothers, Jacob, Peter and Dick and their mother, were of them. Col. Arion made some money and was for years in quite easy circumstances; but later in life he lost in business, and went to Chicago many years ago. He died several years since quite poor.

*The Weekly Banner.*—Early in the summer of 1833, Judge Courtland Cushing and Judge Ebenezer Patrick, of Salem, Ind., formed a co-partnership for the purpose of establishing a paper in Madison, Ind., and got so far as to circulate a prospectus and take subscriptions. This was the *Banner*, a weekly paper. After going thus far, an arrangement was effected between this paper and the *Indiana Republican*, also a weekly, before men-

tioned. The result of this arrangement was that Judge Cushing withdrew his connection with the *Weekly Banner* and Col. Arion withdrew his connection with the *Indiana Republican*, and the two were combined, with Judge Patrick as the editor, as the

*Republican and Banner.*—The first number of this paper was issued August 22d, 1833. Lodge still held an interest in the paper.

In the absence of old files of the paper there are lapses of time not accounted for. John W. G. Smrall at one time was an editor.

In the year 1841, Mr. D. D. Jones purchased an interest in this paper and was the editor, the firm name being Jones & Lodge.

In 1847, Mr. W. W. Crail became a partner of Jones in the paper, and the firm was Jones & Crail.

In 1850 *The Daily Banner* was started by this firm, it being the first daily paper printed in the State. The *Republican Banner* and the *Daily Banner* were Whig in politics.

Copy of a letter:

“Madison, Ind., Jan. 1, 1889.

DEAR FRIEND:

As requested, I furnish you such data as are in my possession, in regard to the subject spoken of:

My father, Daniel D. Jones, was born in the county of Cardigan, in the south of Wales, on Thursday, Oct. 1st, 1801. John D. Jones, his father, emigrated to America in April, 1817, with his family, landing at New York city, from which place he journeyed to Bal-

timore, Md. My father, about this time, I think, entered the *Baltimore American* newspaper office, where he learned the trade of a printer. \* \* \* When he left Baltimore I have no data. He left Baltimore and came west and located at Bardstown, Ky., where he for some time edited, published and printed a Presbyterian paper.

Afterwards he was editor and proprietor of the Bardstown *Herald*, until he removed to this place (Madison, Indiana,) where he printed and published the *Republican Banner*, associated with others in said paper. He was married January 22d, 1829, to Miss Mary Margaret Simpson, by the Rev. J. T. Hamilton, of Louisville, Ky. His death occurred September 21st, 1851. THOS. S. JONES."

The paper passed under the direction of Hon. John R. Cravens, at the death of Mr. Jones. Succeeding him W. W. Woollen and Gen. Milton Stapp. Then W. H. Keys. This paper died shortly after the campaign of 1852.

*Madison Daily Tribune* was established in 1851, by John G. Sering and Milton Gregg. It was published but a short time when it was taken to New Albany, Indiana.

*Weekly Madison Courier*.—This paper was established in 1837, by Mr. Grey, and passed into the hands of Doolittle & O'Grady, O'Grady as editor, after Rolla Doolittle was editor. Then S. F. Covington, later Col. M. C. Garber was the editor—and

continued in charge of it until he went in to the P. O., when M. C. Garber, his son, was made the editor; he still is in charge of the paper. While Col. Garber was at the head of the paper—some time in the '50's—the *Daily* was commenced. This was started as a Democratic paper, but on account of the difference caused by the fugitive slave law in that party, Col. Garber drew off from that party, and finally became a Republican, and his paper a Republican paper. It is now the leading paper of the county.

*The Daily Madisonian* was established at this time (1852), by the Bright wing of the Democratic party, R. S. Sproule, editor. It only lasted through the campaign.

*The Progress*, edited by N. Manville, was established later as a Democratic paper, but lasted but a short time.

*The Daily Free Press* was established in the year 1867 by Llewellyn Jones; I. D. Simpson, editor. It was quite successful till January 1st, 1870, when the office burned.

Major Simpson started a daily after the burning of the *Free Press*. It was also called the "*Free Press*." It soon broke down.

In 1876, Maj. J. D. Simpson started *The Madison Star*, an evening daily, which he continued to the time of his death. It was finally bought out by the *Courier* Co.

*The Madison Herald*. In 1875, a stock company started this paper as a weekly and semi-weekly paper, Dr.

Llewellyn Jones as editor. It afterwards changed hands and was edited by Mr. Lin Jones. Later, Mr. M. A. Barnett, who established a daily, was editor and proprietor. He sold an interest to Dr. Bartlett. It was then made a stock company again, with Mr. Lin Jones as editor.

There have been some other papers printed in Madison, but the facts as to them cannot be satisfactorily obtained as they are not mentioned.

*Industries of Madison.—Flouring Mills.*—Of all the industries of the city of Madison, perhaps that of milling stands at the head, both as to time of beginning and as to importance.

The earliest inhabitants had their grinding done at the "Old Grey Mill," at Mount Byrd, Kentucky. One of the first boys of the town—who is still living—says he recollects of hearing his father say that Elder Jesse Vawter told him "that he would come out on the point on his farm at Mt. Glad, and hail old man Grey at his mill across the river, asking him whether he could get his grist soon if he came over with it. If the reply was satisfactory, he would cross with it to the mill." This is thrown in to show the importance of the mill in the new community, and necessity for the erection of one at as early a date as possible.

The first mill known in this part of the county was Col. John Paul's, which was built on Crooked Creek, at the head of Mill street, in the present city of Madison. Just when it was built cannot now be positively ascertained,

but there is mention of it as early as 1814, and possibly 1813. It was run by water power. The next mill was built in 1831-32, by Sam. K. Page, Richard Dearborn and Alexander Washer. A large steam mill, on the site now occupied by the stove foundry works. The first building was frame which burned, and the elegant Star Mills, brick was built.

David White fitted up as a mill about 1846, an old stone building at the east end of the city. This was built for a mill by Dr. Israel T. Canby many years before, but had never been fitted for work, no machinery having been put into it.

Then the Magnolia Mills at the foot of Broadway was built in 1850 or 1851. This burned in the fall of 1854. The next was the Palmetto Mills, built by Wm. Griffin, occupying the site of Johnson's starch factory. It was enlarged by Shrewsbury and Price who run them for a few years. They were destroyed by fire October 28th, 1858.

In 1856, M. Isaac Dulton fitted up a mill on the north-east corner of West and Second streets, which he sold to Mr. W. W. Page. M. Page sold to Messrs. Trow & Stapp December 11th, 1858. They continued there till August, 1869, when they fitted up the large building opposite on the south side of Second street, and ran a large mill there till 1881, when it burned. In 1882, Wm. Trow & Son built the present large mill at the foot of Broadway.

About 1860 there was a mill fitted up in a large building on the west side of Jefferson, at Ohio street, which was used as a custom mill. It finally was burned in 1878 or 1879. In 1802, Mr. Gordon fitted up a mill on Main street, between Broadway and Poplar Lane. He afterwards built a large brick mill at the same place, which is now the Taylor-Hitz Co. mill. A little later, W. W. Page established a custom mill at the north-east corner of Main and Broadway. T. A. Pague and A. Schiek fitted up a mill on West street, on the south bank of Crooked Creek, but ran it but a short time. Stapp & Trow afterward bought it, and ran it till it was blown up.

Schneider & Wehrle fitted up the old Shuh oil mill for a custom grist mill, and ran it for some time. About 1866, R. J. Hurlbut and Capt. Haynes used this mill, grinding hominy, corn meal and flour. It passed into the hands of Louis Rock.

*Oil Mills.*—V. & J. King had probably the first oil mill, for making linseed oil, in the town. Afterwards Jacob Shuh put up a steam mill for making oil, combining a carding machine with it.

About 1845, Whitney & Hendricks built a large mill for making linseed oil and meal, and quite an extensive woolen mill attached to it. This mill was on the east side of West street, and north of the creek. It proved too large a business for the place.

*Castor Oil Mill.*—In 1849, Milton Gregg and E. Morehouse built a large

mill for making castor oil, just south of the last-mentioned mill. This industry was in advance of its day and went under.

*Cotton Mills.*—The second cotton mill of Madison was built by a man by the name of Ballentine, and became the property of V. & J. King. It was a steam mill, and quite a large thing for the date. The machinery manufactured the yarn from the raw material. The King Brothers ran it till the improvement in machinery at other places made this unprofitable, when they closed down.

The old mill stood on the west side of Central avenue below First, below the second bank or rise from the river. It was two stories and an attic in height, the first story being below the street. It was afterwards made into a planing mill by Todd & Kyle. Later it was a paper mill, owned by R. Manville. Finally it burned. At the time it was built, it was as advanced, comparatively, as the present mill on Church street.

For many years the cotton industry was quiet in Madison, but in 1883 it was revived, and the Eagle Cotton Mills were built in 1884.

*Woolen Industry.*—The first mention of this industry is, "that the Rev. Wm. Robinson, the first Presbyterian preacher, erected a 'carding machine' on lot 36, Old Town. After Mr. Robinson was John M. Watson; then came Braxton Wilson in the house on the south side of Third street, and the east side of the first alley west of West street. Old Father James Cot-

tom was the foreman and carder. Then came the carding rooms of Mr. Sluh, with Father Cottom as carder, referred to at another place, where the power used was steam. Next was the carding rooms, and manufactory of Whitney & Hendricks—before mentioned. After this, with a long interval, was the Schofield-Hague mills at the foot of Central avenue, where the Globe Tobacco Works now stand. Some time after, the Schofield mills, north-east corner First and Jefferson. Last, the present extensive establishment, the Louisville and Madison Woolen Mills, at the corner of West and Second. This mill is prepared to do any kind of work in their line.

*Breweries.*—Old man Salmon had a brew-house at the eastern end of Second street, at about the present site of the Madison Brewing Co's building. This was probably the first establishment of the kind in this vicinity.

The next was the Schiek Brewery, which was situated on Jefferson, north of Fourth street. This was abandoned as a brewery some years since and fitted up as a canning factory.

There was Apple's Brewery, at the head of Fourth street. Mat. Greiner built a large brewery on the ground at the head of Second street which was afterwards enlarged and the Madison Brewing Co. was formed. P. Weber built the Union Brewery on Main and Vine streets. Both of last-mentioned are in full operation, and very large concerns.

Madison beer and ale were in long past, famous all over the West for their superior quality. Now they rate with others all over the country. The difference in the purity of the water is the probable cause.

*Shipyards.*—The first shipyard of the town was operated by Joseph Howard and P. Emmerson, partners. It was established early in the decade of '30, and was situated at the extreme upper river front of the town, just below where the Mammoth Cave Pork House stood. They afterwards went to Jeffersonville and Howard established a yard there. Barmore, who started a shipyard in Jeffersonville, was a workman in the yard here and went to Jeffersonville with Howard.

*The Madison Marine Railway Shipyard* was established in 1850 and has been in operation ever since, with fluctuating success and failure. At present it is in good condition and is prospering.

*The Madison Dry Dock Co.*—A sketch of this is given by Hon. Jos. T. Brashear, Mayor.

Sketch of the Madison Dry Dock, furnished by Hon. J. T. Brashear, Mayor.

"In the year 1859, Jos. T. Brashear, Louis H. Vance, Henry Thompson, William McClelland and Samuel Beaty organized the Madison Dry Dock Company, for the purpose of building and repairing steam boats and water crafts. The first boat the company built was the ferry boat Union, for Capt. John Abbott, to run as a ferry between

Madison and Milton, Ky. They then built their dry dock, the dimensions of the dock as follows: 192 feet in length, 52 feet in width and 11 feet in depth; was finished and launched in the summer of 1860. The first boat that was placed on the dock for repair was the *Ida May*, in the fall of 1860. The company built the following boats: *Leslie Combs*, for Capt. Stivers, for Kentucky river; ferry boat *O'Conner* for New Albany, Ind.; *Fannie Brandies* for Capt. Thomas Boles, of Evansville, Ind; *Mattie Cook* for Capt. Adam Liter for Green river; two middle barges for Memphis Packet Co.; *Carolina* for Capt. Isaac Tallay of Madison; *Fantom* for Capt. Charles Irwin of Madison; ferry boat *Lucy Taylor* for Capt. Taylor of Hamilton, Mo.; *Indiana* for Capt. J. S. Neal, of Madison, for the Cincinnati and New Orleans trade; *Calumet* for Read river trade; *Mollie Gratz* for Madison and Louisville trade; *Rob Roy* and *Andrew Johnson* for the St. Louis and Keokuk Packet Co.

The company did a large amount of repairing of old boats. In the spring of 1865 the dock was sold to Capt. Henry C. Watts and others. They erected a roof over the entire dock and loaded the dock with hay. They put 1,650 tons on her. She was taken in tow by the steamer *Hazell Dell* and taken to New Orleans. After disposing of the hay, Watts & Co. sold her to some New Orleans parties who used her for docking small crafts.

*Foundries.*—The first foundry was

carried on by Edward Shields & Bro. It was located on the northwest corner of Vine and High streets. The motive power was one blind horse. They did no work outside of a few plain castings and mouldboards for plows.

Lewis & Crawford came next on the other side of Vine street; from a small start they finally had a very large foundry and machine shop, turning out all kinds of work in their line of business. They accumulated quite a fortune but finally by reverses died poor.

They sold out their shops, business and good will to the Neals,—J. S. and R. E.,—and Wm. Johnson, under the firm name of J. S. & R. E. Neal. This firm enlarged the premises till they finally had one of the largest foundries in the whole West. They finally broke up in this business, and started a large Agricultural Implement Manufactory, which collapsed during the first years of the war.

Lodge & Sackets started a small foundry on Mulberry street, near Fifth, on the east side of Mulberry. Sackets became intemperate and the thing went to pieces.

Crawford & Davidson, in the decade of 1850. First called "Indiana Foundry," now "Madison Machine Works Co."

Joseph R. Farnsworth built a foundry in 1848, on the river front between West street and Central avenue. This was burned down in '50, and he built on the corner of Elm and Ohio. This was burned three times, when he abandoned the business.

Cobb & Stribling afterwards refitted this place, and they were burned out.

The Novelty Works was established by I. N. Todd, on Second, near Elm. After, Walker's foundry was removed to West street, where Charles Johnson now runs it.

*Starch Factories.*—The first starch factory of any size established in the West was at Madison, by O'Neal Bailey, an Irishman. This was a failure in his hands, but after passing one or two other owners it was a success under the management of Johnson & Clements. Finally they separated their interests and each built works at the west end of the city, and are now operating two of the largest starch works in the whole country. They use daily about eighteen hundred bushels of corn in the manufacture of starch.

They employ about one hundred hands each.

*Stove Foundries.*—Along in the fifties there was a stove foundry established on Mulberry, below First. It did not continue long.

The Madison Stove Foundry was established about 1883, and is doing a large and increasing business.

*Saw Mills.*—Dow & Brown have a large saw mill and planing mill on the railroad, west side of Plum street.

D. C. Robinson & Co. have a saw mill on the river at the foot of Vernon street.

H. Clay Jones & Co. have a fine mill on the site of the old Mammoth Cave pork house.

*Pork Packing.*—Madison was the natural outlet of the county north of here for all of the products, and in the early days was sought as such. The Michigan road reaching to the lake gave a fine route for the farmers to haul their grain and to drive their hogs over. The State road was another artery reaching as far as Indianapolis. Along these the trade was established, running through the whole State. All routes centered at Indianapolis, and as it was cheaper to drive than to haul, and as there were at that time no arrangements for any extensive business there, it all headed to Madison. The early establishments at this place gave to the packers these great advantages, and Madison, upon the opening of the Madison & Indianapolis railroad, was a point surpassed by none as a pork mart. Among the large dealers were Dearborn Godman; Godman & Sons; Sering & Godman; Sering & Penniston; D. White; N. Powell; Jas. Cunningham; J. Fitch & Son, and many others. After the railroad outlet to Cincinnati was made, this trade was much lessened, but for many years, in fact to the time of the breaking out of the late war, Madison was in the front in this trade.

*Dry Goods.*—This place was, by virtue of its location on the river, the first place of business in this line. The goods were hauled by wagon all over the State.

The beginning in the town of the general store, where everything was kept to supply the needs of the cus-



toomer, gave way to the store of special line of goods, and finally in the growth of the county, to the largest wholesale stores in every line. The trade now is much lighter than it was in 1850 to 1856, but a good business is done here in dry goods, shoes, groceries and hardware, there being houses in each line here.

*Banking.*—The Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Indiana, located at Madison, was incorporated by act of the Territorial Legislature, dated September 6th, 1814, signed by:

WM. HENDRICKS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JESSE L. HOLMAN,

President of the Council.

*Approved,* September 10, 1814.

TH. POSEY, Governor.

This was the first banking institution legally incorporated within the territory. It was recognized and confirmed by the State Constitution in 1816. The charter extended in time up to January 1, 1835. Under the charter, the property of the bank, including capital stock, was restricted to, and not to exceed the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.)

On January 1, 1817, the Bank of Vincennes was adopted by an act of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, as the "State Bank of Indiana," and was empowered conditionally, to adopt the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Indiana as one of its branches. This was done, but the State institu-

tion became so corrupt that it was deprived of its franchises and privileges, by proceedings under a writ of quo warranto in the year 1812. A large amount of the notes of the Bank of Vincennes and its branches—branches at Vevay, Brookville and Corydon—became worthless, and were never redeemed. The notes of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Indiana at Madison, were all redeemed.

This bank was kept in a brick house built for the purpose on the east side of Jefferson, four doors north of Second street.

In 1833, the State Bank of Indiana was chartered with thirteen branches. One of these was at Madison, J. F. D. Lanier, first president. This continued till 1859, when the charter expired, and the business of the bank was wound up.

Along in the forties, a Bank of Deposit and Issue was established by John & Victor King, John Woodburn, George Leonard, and others. It was closed after a few years. Under the State Free Banking law a bank was established by the Madison Insurance Co., of Deposit only. The Indiana Bank was established under this law as a Bank of Issue and Deposit. This bank was re-chartered under the national banking law, and is now known as the First National Bank of Madison. At the closing up of the business of the Madison branch of the State Bank, a new bank was formed, taking the old building and name, being called "The National

Branch Bank." Both of these latter-named banks are still in successful operation.

*City Directory.*—The City of Madison was incorporated in 1838, by act of the Legislature.

Moody Park was the first Mayor; he served from 1838 till April, 1850. He was succeeded by Milton Stapp (1850-53). Wm. Hendricks, Jr., was the first City Clerk, and Amariah Foster the first Marshal; John Pugh was first Treasurer.

The present city officials are:

Mayor, Hon. J. T. Brashears; Clerk, John A. Zuck; Treasurer, Wm. H. Rogers; Marshal, J. Hoagland; Assessor, Ben Wells; Supt. of Schools, Prof. J. Hartin A. M.; Board of Waterworks, W. W. Hinds, Supt., C. E. Goldman, Wm. Dum; Street Commissioner, L. Crozier.

*City Council.*—1st Ward, J. W. Thomas, N. Hovniff; 2d Ward, J. Schneider, A. Chapman; 3d Ward, C. Alling, S. E. Haigh; 4th Ward, James White, Jonathan Schooley; 5th W. W. Page, C. C. Sappington; 6th Ward, S. J. Robinson, P. Klein. City Attorney, M. D. Willson.

*Fire Department.*—Fair Play (steam) Fire Co. No. 1: Pres. John A. Zuck; house, Main above Walnut. Washington (steam) Fire Co. No. 2; Pres. Charles L. Richardson; house, Third near West. Western (steam) Fire Co. No. 3. Pres. Thomas B. Lockard; house West Main between Mill and Plum streets. Washington Hook and Ladder Co., in Washington Fire Co's.,

house. Walnut Street Hose Co., Fire Co. No. 4. Pres. W. W. Hinds; house east side Walnut beyond Fifth.

*City Schools.*—The system of public schools is under the State, and all know what that is without any prompting.

The city schools are located as follows: The Upper Seminary on East Third street, south side between Walnut and East; The Walnut Street School on Walnut, north of Fifth. The Central, southeast corner Second and Central avenue; High School, northeast corner Second and Central avenue; Lower Seminary, Main, north side, west of Plum; Colored School, north Broadway.

*Early Time Teachers.*—Rev. Wm. Robinson, Presbyterian minister; Mrs. Searles, widow of Presbyterian preacher; Mrs. Sard; Miss E. Goode; Miss Mason—now Mrs. Dr. Cornett; Mr. Beaumont Parks; Mr. Chute; Miss Johnson, an excellent teacher—she taught in the old Bank building; Miss Brown, afterwards Mrs. Burrows; the Salisburys.

*Improvements.*—The first account of the improvements in the town of Madison is in a sketch by Mr. D. Blackmore in 1850. He says: "Hall's was the first improvement. (This was in what is now called Fulton.) Then John H. Wagner's, the second improvement, which was on High (now First) street, between Mulberry and Main. Lyon made the third improvement, on the high ground between Ross' tanyard and the river. When

he — Blackmore — built in 1811, besides the improvements above, there were Trotter's on High, near Walnut; Booth's tavern on Main (now Jefferson) and Second, southeast corner; Burnett's tavern, a large log house with a porch — Hunt's property. Taylor's (Father Bush Taylor) saddler's shop; J. Wilkinson's cabin, Walnut and High, east of Trotter's; Nat Hunt's old residence; Strickland's, on the old Brisen and Barker lot, was a place of prayer meetings for the Methodists."

From that time forward there has been a constant advance in the buildings in quality and numbers. The buildings, principally of brick and very substantially built, have, a great many them, long survived the builders, and many are now standing of sixty and seventy years of age, and quite strong and substantial. There are more of the antique than of the modern style here among the dwellings; the business houses have been made more to suit the times and the advance in style of architecture, and there has been more remodeling of them, so that they present a more modern appearance than the majority of the dwellings. Taken as a whole, it is one of the most substantially built towns in the State.

Our public buildings — county and city — are good, handsome and commodious. The fire engine houses, the public schools, and the churches are all deserving of mention. The opera house is also a unique thing its way. Not so large as some, but as tasteful and elegant in its appointments as any.

Among our residences are many that will match in finish and comfort with those of any place, and if the old houses were modernized they would perhaps be injured in their home-ness more than improved, as that would be only in appearance.

*Fire Insurance.*—The city is well fitted in water works, getting their supply from the river above the town. The water is forced up to the reservoir on the side of the hill at the head of Second street, some two hundred feet above low water mark. There are also two reservoirs at the west end of the city, on a level with this one, supplied by springs and a pollywog. The elevation of these reservoirs is sufficient to force the water on top of the highest houses, by simply attaching hose to the fire plugs. By this means fires are frequently drowned out without the use of the steam fire engines. Consequently the per cent. of loss by fire is much less than in other places of the same size.

There are three steam fire engines belonging to the city. Each one of these is kept and operated by volunteer fire companies. Belonging to each of these fire companies are hose reels, carrying large quantities of hose for attaching to fire plugs, and to the engines, which force the water through them onto the fire.

There is another fire company which has only hose.

*Summing up.*—Madison was a place of much note at the early part of this century. To it was attracted a very

great number of people of all classes, characters and occupations. In 1816 and up to 1850, it was one of the points of attraction as a new and growing town in a new and growing country. There were speculations in town lots, and in all other possibilities of fortune-making that are now sought in the new towns of the West. It had its great boom as they have, and property was up to fabulous prices. The capitalist was attracted to it as a place of investment; the mechanic as a place where he could get work; the merchant as a good opening for his business, and as a growing place; the lawyer and doctor were attracted to it as furnishing a good opportunity for fame and riches; and it was especially attractive to the young men of that day. The beauty of the location and its natural surroundings was added to all of the others which have been enumerated. All of these combining, caused an inflow of men of mark on account of talent and ability, such as but few other places of that day or since has had. In the first fifty years of the century, but few of the men of prominence in this country,—and of foreigners, traveling for instruction or pleasure—but that made Madison a point of visit. Many men who were afterwards of national fame were citizens of the old town. J. F. D. Lanier and Hugh McCullough were young business men of this city. The bar of our city in those days stood head and shoulders above any other in this State, and was the peer of any in all

of the country. In legal attainments, as counsellors and as advocates, none surpassed the members of it.

Judge Miles C. Eggleston, William Hendricks, Sr. and Jr., the Brights, Sullivan, Marshall, Glass, Dunn, Carpenter, Gen. Meek, and many others of those who have passed away.

In the political arena, Madison has produced many names of honor and worth, both of State and national fame. William Hendricks, the first Member of Congress from this State, second Governor of the State, and United States Senator for twelve years; Jesse D. Bright, who was Lieutenant-Governor of the State, United States Senator for about sixteen years, (and for four years of that time President of the Senate) and others for a mention of whom space is wanting.

As financiers, Lanier and McCullough have already been mentioned, but Gen. Milton Stapp, Canal Commissioner for this State and agent of State, and M. G. Bright, Agent of State for Indiana for many years, may properly be mentioned as men of national reputation. Those of local or State fame are quite numerous. Lucius Barbour—the clock peddler—Jonathan Fitch, Nathan Powell, Jesse Whitehead, David White and so on. Names might be added to the list, almost *ad infinitum*.

The army has had many illustrious names on its list from Madison. At the head and most conspicuous, that of Gen. Richard Canby,—or as the “old boys” of his times call him “Dick.” In the navy is the name of Com-

mander Napoleon B. Collins, of the ship Florida, a man of world-wide fame, Capt. B. B. Taylor and others.

If Madison is not known to general fame, it is not on account of illustrious and honorable men as her citizens in the past, or at the present time, nor from want of business possibilities, as living is cheap and the town is healthy. It is "beautiful for situation," and nature is lovely all around her.

There is the best of water and air, streets clean and dry, and lighted at night by the electric lights in all parts of the town; good hotels, and all other accommodations. Good town and good people. Give a call upon us and try our beautiful "little city under the hills," and see if she will not do as a place to live in, and to do business in.

#### TOWNS OF THE COUNTY.

**BARBERSVILLE**, in Shelby township, in section three, town V north, range XI east, was laid out by Enoch Bray and Thomas H. Bray, December 18th, 1848. It contains one store, a post-office and a school-house.

**BROOKSBURGH**, Milton township, in section one, town III north, range XI east, was laid out by Fletcher Tevis, November 21st, 1843. It has several stores, a blacksmith shop, church, school-house, post-office, a printing-office. It is a well-built, pretty village.

**BRYANTSBURGH**, Monroe township, was laid off by Jacob Bryant, March 5th, 1834. It contains a post-office, three stores, two blacksmith shops. It has a population of about 60. It is in

section eleven, town V, range X east.

**CANAAN** is in section 21, town V, range XI, in Shelby township; was laid off August 1st, 1836, by John Cane. It has several stores. One drug store, a cigar manufactory, a Methodist church, a fine public and high school building. Twelve miles from Madison.

**DEPUTY**, Graham township, section seventeen, town IV, north, range VIII east, was laid out by Foster C. Wilson March 29th, 1871. It is on the short line railroad from Louisville, Ky., to North Vernon, Ind. It has a population of about 300. Eighteen miles from Madison.

**DUPONT**, Lancaster township, on the J. M. & I. railroad, is in section ten, town V north, range IX east. It was laid out by James Tilton, of Wilmington, Delaware, and named after his old friends, "the Duponts," powder makers, of Delaware. It has two churches, Methodist and Baptist; a fine school-house, a number of dry goods and grocery stores, drug store, post-office, railroad station, agricultural implements warehouse, several blacksmith shops, wagon-maker's shop, a steam saw, grist and commercial mill. Its population is about 300. Fifteen miles from Madison.

**HANOVER** is a post office six miles west of Madison, section twelve, town III north, range IX east. Has a population of about five hundred. Well supplied with stores, blacksmith shops, a steam flouring mill, Presbyterian church, Methodist church and College building.

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Hanover College is beautifully situated upon the top of the river bluff, and commands magnificent views up and down the river. The institution is under the control of the Presbyterian church, and was established in 1833.

Subjoined is a full history of the college, taken from the "General Catalogue of the Alumni of Hanover College," 1833-1883."

*Historical Sketch of Hanover College.*—Hanover College was the outgrowth of a desire on the part of the Presbyterian Church in Indiana to provide herself with an educated ministry. The church in the East could not supply the ministry needed for the widely scattered but constantly growing population of the West. Animated with this desire the Presbytery of Salem, embracing Indiana and Illinois, and connected with the Synod of Kentucky, in 1826, requested the pastor of the church at Hanover, Rev. John Finley Crowe, D. D., to open and conduct an Academy until further provision could be made.

This school was opened January 1st, 1827, with six pupils, in a log cabin, near where the Presbyterian church of Hanover now stands. This was the humble beginning of Hanover College, and of the North Western Theological Seminary, at Chicago, Illinois.

In May, 1826, the Synod of Indiana was constituted, consisting of the Presbyteries of Salem, Madison,

Wabash and Missouri. The school at Hanover was committed temporarily to the Presbytery of Madison. This Presbytery applied to the Legislature of the State for a charter, and that body on the 30th of December, 1828, passed an act incorporating HANOVER ACADEMY.

The Academy was taken under the care of the Synod of Indiana in 1829. The following resolution was adopted by that body:

"Resolved, That this Synod adopt Hanover Academy as a Synodical school, provided the Trustees of the same will permit the Synod to establish a Theological Department, and appoint Theological Professors."

The condition was readily granted, and the Synod at once unanimously elected the Rev. John Matthews, D. D., of Shepherdstown, Virginia, to the chair of Theology. Dr. Matthews accepted, and with characteristic zeal gave his whole time and talents to the interests of the institution. The Theological Department was continued at Hanover for ten years, when it was removed to New Albany, Indiana, in 1840.

The Academy which was chartered in 1828, had been steadily growing; regular college classes had been formed and in 1833, by act of Legislature, the institution was incorporated as HANOVER COLLEGE.

By active agencies in the East and West, funds had been collected and the necessary buildings had been erected for the Preparatory, Collegi-

ate and Theological Departments. The Rev. James Blythe, D. D., of Lexington, Kentucky, of the Presbytery of West Lexington, and extensively known throughout the Church, was in 1832, secured as the first President of the College. The first catalogue issued after the change in the charter presents for all departments a Faculty of seven Professors and four assistants, and one hundred and eighty-three students: Theological 7; Collegiate 63; Preparatory 113. The Board of Trustees consisted of eighteen members, among whom were these pioneers of Church and State: Rev. John M. Dickey, President; Rev. James H. Johnston, Secretary; Hon. Williamson Dunn, Treasurer; Victor King; William Reed; Hon. Jeremiah Sullivan; and the Rev. Samuel G. Lowry. The only survivor of the Faculty of 1834, is Hon. William McKee Dunn, LL. D., Washington, D. C.

The location of the College in that day was within the corporate limits of the village of Hanover. All that remains of the old buildings, is so much of the principal edifice as is embraced in the present Presbyterian church, and one of the shops now occupied as a private residence. None of the real estate or property now forms any part of the present property of the college. The farm lay north of the Spear property and west of Prof. Garritt's place. The Presbyterian church includes

the chapel, two recitation rooms and part of the second story.

So remarkable was the success of this pioneer institution of our church in the West, that the catalogue of 1834-5, shows an attendance of 236 students: Theological 10; Collegiate 77; Irregular and Preparatory 149. These students were gathered from a wide territory, embracing every State from Pennsylvania to Texas and Missouri. This is explained by its location on the Ohio River. But this prosperity was followed by a period of darkness and trial. The Manual Labor System, for aiding poor students, attempted by many institutions of that day, was tried at Hanover. It failed and involved the institution in debt for every day of its continuance. It had to be abandoned, the expense of education was largely increased, and a necessary consequence was the withdrawal of a large number of students. While embarrassed by debt and this partial withdrawal of support, a fearful tornado swept over the place in 1837, and left the principal college edifice in ruins. From these misfortunes, the college rallied, repaired its buildings, and cancelled its debts, but without endowment, was left in a feeble condition.

President Blythe's connection with the college closed in 1836. For two years Dr. Matthews, of the Theological department acted as president, and in 1838, the Rev. E. D. McMaster D. D., LL. D., was elected to that



post, where he remained five years, terminating his presidency by a memorable epoch in the history of the college. The Board of Trustees was a small body, a close corporation, but indirectly influenced by the Synod, and liable to the control of a powerful mind and local influences. Under the leadership of this eminent and able man, a part of the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to surrender their charter to the Legislature in return for the charter of a University at Madison. Thus the College was divided right down through Board, Faculty and students, part going with President McMaster to Madison, and part remaining with Vice-President Crowe at Hanover. The Synod retained all its early convictions of the importance of Christian education by the Church, and it was a day of great men. A struggle followed in which "Greek met Greek." In the Synod of 1844, Madison University was offered to it as a Synodical College. The offer was declined, and the Synod ordered the continuance of its College at Hanover. A new charter was obtained, said to be the most favorable in the State, conferring the powers of a University, and placing the Institution fully under the control of the Synod of Indiana. This it does by giving to that body the right to elect one-half of the trustees and through them a voice in the election of the other half. The rights and franchises of the original Synod have descended to the present Synod

of Indiana. On account of the changes in the Synods since the reunion of the two former branches of the Presbyterian Church some alterations have been made in the mode of choosing the members of the Board, but only such as are consistent with the Charter. For instance, the Alumni Association now annually nominates a member. But the College still remains, as it ever has been, firmly bound to the Presbyterian church.

Through the trials and sufferings which have almost everywhere marked the history of higher education in America, Hanover College has at a comparatively small cost done an immense work for Christian education in Indiana and the Republic. Upwards of four thousand students have been educated in whole or in part within its walls, many of whom have attained high distinction and usefulness in the ministry, law, medicine and science. It has graduated 544 students in the Departments of Science and Arts and Theology, and a much larger number have completed the Preparatory course, and gone out from the lower classes. These students are scattered throughout the Republic and in many foreign lands.

Space permits the mention of but few of the Christian men and women who are identified forever with this early scheme of education by the Church in our State. In this latter day it is an honor to be numbered among their successors. To no man, perhaps, do the citizens and Pres-

byterians of Indiana owe a larger debt of gratitude than to that eminent man of God, Dr. John Finley Crowe, who for thirty years with heroic benevolence, self-denial and fortitude, identified his time, talents and interests with the cause of education in our Church. Judge Williamson Dunn is another name illustrious in our early history, among the founders of Hanover and Wabash Colleges, giving first to Hanover and afterwards to Wabash the grounds upon which they were severally built. Another pioneer, Mrs. Mary T. Lapsley, of New Albany, has been the most munificent benefactor to this early effort, giving over \$30,000—standing steadfastly by the College in its darkest days, and securing an imperishable name among the Christian educators of the West. Another earnest, modest, learned pioneer, the Rev. Wm. A. Holliday, of Indianapolis, left one-third of his estate now constituting \$20,000 of the permanent endowment of the College. Still another pioneer, John King, Esq., of Madison, after a life of prayerful devotion and generous gifts to Hanover College, left by will \$13,000 more. Others of smaller means, whose names will not be forgotten by God or man in the early annals of Presbyterianism in Indiana, have added from time to time to the resources of the College.

The most recent considerable addition to the means of the College has been for the purpose of erecting

a suitable building as a home for students.

The College is now out of debt and is living within its means. But it greatly needs additional funds, both to afford a proper support to the men engaged in its work, and also to enlarge its equipment to the scale which the times and the opportunity demand.

KENT, Republican township, is in section thirty-two, town V north, range VI east. Was platted by James Blaukinship, April 9th, 1853, and formerly called Ramsey's Mills post office. There are three good stores, two churches, a good school-house, a large flour mill, two doctors' offices, a blacksmith shop and post-office. The population is about 350. It is a nice clean, tidy-looking little place. It is eight miles west from Madison.

LANCASTER, Lancaster township, is in section thirty-three, town V north, range IX east. Post office, several stores, one church, a fine merchant mill and school-house. Situated at the confluence of Big Creek and Middle Fork, on the north side of Big Creek.

COLLEGE HILL is just across Big Creek from Lancaster. Subjoined is a sketch of the college formerly located there.

*College Hill.*—This institution was founded in 1850 by Elder Thomas Cravens and son, John G. Cravens. It was called an Elentherean college.

It was located at Lancaster, Lancaster township, Jefferson county. It was intended as a school where all

could be educated without regard to color, but especially in the interest of the negro.

It was founded by Elder Thomas Cravens and his son John G. Cravens. They came to Lancaster in 1848 and taught school in a church house that year. In 1849 they built a boarding house. In 1850 they began building the college edifice. Their ideas were so obnoxious to some of the neighboring citizen that the church and some of the boarding houses were burned, and the founders of the institution were persecuted in various ways. Notwithstanding all these hindrances, they persevered, and erected a large stone college and a stone boarding house. In 1855 they commenced teaching in the new building.

The organization was: President, Elder Thomas Cravens; John G. Cravens, Professor and Business Manager. Trustees: James Nelson, John H. Tibbets, Lyman Hoyt, David Hughes and Lemuel Record.

After some months they had from seventy-five to eighty students and boarders, about equally divided as to color. It was in its prime from 1857 to 1860, and has gradually dwindled away until the school ceased to exist and the building now belongs to the township, and is used as a public school building.

**NORTH MADISON**, Madison township. Section twenty-seven, town IV north, range X east. It was platted by Robert J. Elvin, Wm. H. Branham, and David Branham, October 27th,

1846. It has a post-office, several stores, a Baptist, Methodist and Catholic church, a fine public and high school building, and a large number of railroad buildings. Its population is 1,000. It is located at the head of the inclined plane of the railroad, one and three-quarters miles from Madison.

**WIRT**, Madison township, is in section seven, town IV north, range X east, was laid out by John W. Parsons and James Burns, July 18th, 1837. There is a store, blacksmith shop and post office here. Population of about fifty. There is a Baptist church and a school-house in the town. There are two resident physicians.

**COL. JOHN PAUL** was the fourth child and second son of Michael Paul and Ann Parker, who were married at Germantown about the year 1751 or 1752. Michael Paul was a native of Holland. The time and place of his birth is unknown, as is also the date of his emigration to this country, and the fact as to whether he came alone, or with others of his father's family; however, it is known that he had two brothers who lived at the same place—Germantown, Penn. He left Germantown in the year of 1766 or 1777, and went to Redstone, Old Fort, now Brownsville, Penn. From there he went to what is now West Virginia, and from there, in 1781, to Hardin county, Kentucky, where he died in 1801.

Ann Parker was born in German-

town, Penn., in the year 1724. She belonged to the order of the Dunkards. She was a cousin to Rev. Samuel Davis, D. D., a noted Presbyterian preacher of that day, and president of one of the early theological schools of Pennsylvania or New Jersey (perhaps of Princeton.) She died in Hardin county, Ky., in June, 1813, at the age of 89. They were the parents of seven children.

John, the subject of this sketch, being the fourth. He was born in Germantown, Penn., November 12th, 1758, and died June 6th, 1830, in Madison, Ind. He went with his father to Brownsville and to Virginia, and afterwards to Kentucky.

In the year of 1778, he went with the expedition of Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark in the campaign against the Indians in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The expedition went by boats from Louisville, Ky., to Kaskaskia (now Illinois. When they debarked at Kaskaskia, the soldiers had to wade for a great distance in water up to the armpits, carrying their guns and powder horns above their heads to keep them dry, before reaching the fort. In 1794, he was married to Miss Sarah Thornberry Grover, at Danville, Ky. She was born in or near Baltimore, Md., March 21st, 1775, and went to Kentucky with her parents somewhere in the decade of 1780. They had four children, Mary Berry, the oldest, dying quite young.

In 1809, Col. Paul left Xenia and came to the Indiana Territory, landing

with his family at the point where Madison now stands, on October 6th. Previous to this, he had gone to the "Vendue" of public lands at Vincennes, where he bought the land upon which New Albany now stands. Upon his trip home from that sale he stopped at his purchase to fix a home, but concluding that it was an unhealthy locality, he prospected along the river for a more healthy situation. He decided upon the present site of Madison as being best suited to his wishes, and went home to Ohio to await the opening of the sales at Jeffersonville where this land was to be sold. In the spring of 1809, he went to the sale and bought the land, and returned home and arranged for the immediate removal of his family to this place, where he afterwards lived till his death.

Col. Paul was a man full of the milk of human kindness. His benefactions in the way of property for public uses are seen all along the pathway of his life. At Xenia, Ohio, he gave the site for the court house. In Madison, the ground for the old graveyard, on Third street; the site for Wesley Chapel Church, now the opera house. In Ripley county, Indiana, the ground for the graveyard in Versailles, and ground for the Academy. He was a practical surveyor, and a very good judge of the quality of land; as is proven by the fact that a great many tracts of the best land in this county and Ripley were bought by him from the United States government.

He was a man endowed by nature with all of the elements of a leader amongst men, and he was one. In this day and generation he would have been called an athlete on account of his strength, activity, and powers of endurance.

He was tall, of a fine attractive physique; he had a commanding appearance. Kind hearted, he was gentle in manner to all, tender to those in distress; magnanimous, he was generous to a fault, always a friend to the poor and helpless, and ready to lift up and help forward young men. He was beloved by his friends, and respected by all men who knew him, even by his enemies,—for, like all men of positive character, he had them. He was an energetic business man, and engaged in farming, milling and real estate business. He was the first representative in the Territorial Assembly from this part of Clark county, and was a member of the Legislature after this county was organized. He was elected as Senator from Switzerland and Jefferson counties to the first Legislature of the State of Indiana, which convened at Corydon, Monday, November 4th, 1816. He was called to the chair of the Senate as President *pro tempore*, and was the first presiding officer of the State.

He was the first Clerk and Recorder of this county, which offices he held for many years.

Col. Paul was the first clerk of Greene county, Ohio, and laid out the

town of Xenia in that county. He also named Jefferson county and Madison town.

Col. John Vawter, in a letter written in 1850, says of Col. Paul: "He was one of George Rogers Clarke's men in the expedition against the British posts at Detroit, Mich., and Kaskaskia, Ill. He was at the capture of Vincennes in 1779, February 24th."

At the time he located in this county, his family consisted of himself and his wife, Miss Ruth Grover, a niece of his wife who made her home with them, and three children: The eldest, Ann Parker, was born March 18th, 1799, in Harding county, Ky., John P., who was born in Greene county, Ohio, December 23d, 1800, and Sarah G., who was born March 21st, 1802, in Greene county, Ohio.

Ann Parker was married May 19th, 1816, to William Hendricks. From this union were born nine children. She died September 12th, 1887, in the 89th year of her age. John Peter Paul was a graduate of Washington College, and became a surveyor. He was married to Miss Eliza Meek. He died in September, 1835, in Clark county, in the thirty-fifth year of his age. Sarah G. Paul was married three times; her first husband was Dr. Robert Cravens, who died leaving one son, Judge John R. Cravens (who still resides here in Madison); her second husband was Dr. Samuel M. Goode, who died leaving one son now living here in the city, and known as Dr. Goode. Her third husband was

B. C. Stevenson, a Methodist preacher. She died in September 14th, 1877, aged—. Mrs. Paul, the mother of the family, died May 8th, 1866, in the 92nd year of her age.

Col. Paul and his wife and daughter, Mrs. Stevenson, are all buried in the old graveyard on Third street, in the city of Madison.

GOV. WILLIAM HENDRICKS, L. L. D., was born in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, Penn., Nov. 12th, 1782. His parents were Abraham and Ann (Jamison) Hendricks. He was brought up on a farm, and educated himself, laboring at different occupations in order to make the money for his support during his school and college life.

Among other labors, he was a hand in a powder mill or factory for one year. When he was fitted by his studies for the calling, he taught school, and finally by means made by this occupation, finished his course at college at Cannonsburgh, Pa., in the year 1810. After graduating he came west to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he studied law in the office of Mr. Corry, teaching school in order to support himself for the bar. He remained in Cincinnati till the year 1812, when he came to Madison where he settled, and lived all of the remainder of his life, excepting two years which he spent at Corydon, while he was Governor of the State. In the records of the common pleas court of Jefferson

county, Indian Territory, July 5th, 1813, is this entry: "William Hendricks presented to the court license as counsellor and attorney at law, and thereupon took the oath required by the laws of the territory.

In connection with Wm. Cameron, he established a printing office and published a paper called the *Western Eagle*, the first issue of which was dated Madison, Indiana Territory, May 26th, 1813. It was the second paper printed in the State, the *Western Sun* being the first—published at Vincennes. He sold his interest to Cameron in 1815.

In the spring of 1813 he was made Secretary of the Territorial Legislature, at Vincennes, which was then the seat of government. "The Legislature of Indiana Territory was not convened in the year 1812; but on the 18th of December in that year, General John Gibson, the Secretary and acting Governor of the Territory, issued a proclamation, in which he required the Territorial legislature to meet at Vincennes, on the 1st of February, 1813." (Dillon's History of Indiana, page 517.)

In the summer of 1814 he was elected as a member of the Territorial Legislature.

In June, 1816 he was appointed Secretary of the Convention to form a State Constitution. This convention met at Corydon, the seat of government for the State, on the 10th day of June, and adjourned on the 29th of the same month, having completed

their work, and made the first Constitution for the State of Indiana.

In August, 1816, he was elected as the first and sole Representative to Congress from the State, and served three successive terms, until 1822, when he was elected Governor. He removed to Corydon (then the seat of government) in the fall of 1822, and lived there until the spring of 1825. The trip was made from Madison to Jeffersonville, in a flat boat, in which was carried all of his household furniture and goods, besides the horses, on which the rest of the journey, from Jeffersonville to Corydon, was made. There were three other families on the flat boat, (or broad horns as they were then called) Mr. Samuel Merrill, and family, and Mr. Douglass and family, and a Mr. Vigus and family. The last two were printers. Douglass went to Indianapolis, and Vigus afterwards to Logansport.

During the last winter of his term as Governor, he was elected to the U. S. Senate, and resigned his position as Governor, in order to take his seat in the Senate on the 4th of March, 1825. He was re-elected to the U. S. Senate in 1830-31, and served altogether twelve years in that body.

He made the journey to the capital, usually, on horseback, as far as Ligonier Valley, Pennsylvania, thence to Washington by stages. On one of these journeys, his wife accompanied him on horseback, riding the entire distance from their home in Madison, Indiana, to the city of Washington.

These horseback journeys occupied from two to three week's time, depending upon the condition of the roads and the weather.

Gov. Hendricks' political opinions were truly Democratic. He was never elected to any position as a partisan, and never gave a strictly partisan vote, but voted for those measures which, in his belief, were best for his country and his constituents. When he ran for Governor he had no opponent. No other man in the history of the State has been so honored.

In 1840 he was one of the State electors on the Van Buren ticket; and it was during this campaign that he contracted bronchitis, from which he suffered all of his subsequent life. This was his last political campaign, as the condition of his throat prevented public speaking, and he was afterwards engaged only in his personal affairs. May 19th, 1816, he was married to Miss Ann P. Paul, eldest daughter of Col. John Paul, of Madison. (See Col. Paul's sketch in this book). Gov. Hendricks and wife were the parents of nine children: William, who died an infant, Sarah A.; John A., who was killed at the battle of Pea Ridge, Ark.; Josiah G.; W. P. Paul—died Dec. 17th, 1885; Thomas, who died December, 1863, from effects of a wound received at Icaria, La.; Mary, who died an infant, and Ellen C. Sarah Ann and W. P. are now (1889) living in Madison, Ind.; J. Grover is living in Wisconsin, and Ellen C. in Springfield, Mo.

On the 16th day of May, 1850, he died at the house on his farm, where he had gone that morning, as was his custom to superintend the construction of a burial vault. He climbed the hill on foot, and the exertion brought on a paroxysm of heart trouble, which he had been subject to for some years previous, from which he died that night at 11 o'clock.

Gov. Hendricks was a man of commanding appearance; six feet in height, handsome in face and figure; he was of a ruddy complexion with black hair and blue eyes. He was easy in manners, of a kind and genial disposition. He was a man who attracted the attention of all, and won the warm friendship of many. He was brought up in the Presbyterian faith in religion and early united with that church, and lived a consistent, earnest Christian life.

The literary degrees of A. B., in 1810, A. M. and L. L. D. were conferred upon him by Washington College, Pa.

William Wesley Woollen, in his biographical and historical sketches of early Indiana, says of Gov. Hendricks:

"\* \* \* \* \* Thus it will be seen that for twenty-one years — from 1816 to 1837 — he served without intermission the people of Indiana in the three highest offices within their gift."

"Men who found empires should not be forgotten. They plant the tree of civil liberty, and water its roots, while those who come after them but

trim its branches to preserve its symmetry. If they plant carelessly and in poor soil the tree will have but a sickly growth. That the men who planted Indiana in the wilderness sixty-seven years ago, planted wisely and well is evidenced by its wonderful growth. \* \* \* \* "

"William Hendricks had as much to do with laying the foundations of this great State and commencing its superstructure as any other man, excepting Jonathan Jennings only, and yet how few there are who know he ever lived."

"\* \* \* \* \* In the contest for fame there is sharp competition, and those only win who have endurance and mettle. A number of educated and talented young men came to Indiana in quest of fortune, and had William Hendricks been a dolt or a laggard he would have been distanced in the race. But he was neither. He was talented and energetic, and he won. \* \* \* \* "

"He made the first revision of the laws of the State and had it printed on his own press. The Legislature offered to pay him for this work, but he declined all pecuniary compensation. It then passed a resolution of thanks, the only return for his labor he would take."

"The *Indiana Gazetteer* of 1850 thus speaks of him:

"Governor Hendricks was for many years by far the most popular man in the State. He had been its sole Representative in Congress for six years, elected on each occasion by large



majorities, and no member of that body, probably, was more attentive to the interests of the State he represented, or more industrious in arranging all the private or local business entrusted to him. He left no letter unanswered; no public office or document did he fail to visit or examine on request; with personal manners very engaging, he long retained his popularity."

"Governor Hendricks was of a family that occupies a front place in the history of Indiana. There is probably no other one in the State that has exerted so wide an influence upon its politics and legislation as his. His eldest son, John Abraham, was captain in the Mexican war, and a lieutenant-colonel in the war of the rebellion. He was killed in the battle of Pea Ridge, while in command of his regiment. Another son, Thomas, was killed in the late war, during Gen. Banks' campaign up Red river. A brother and a nephew sat in the State Senate, and another nephew, Hon. Thos. A. Hendricks, has received the highest honors his State could confer upon him."

Since the above was written, by Mr. Woollen, Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks was elected to the Vice-Presidency of the United States, and has gone to the grave. He was also United States Senator from Indiana, and Commissioner of Pensions.

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JAMES F. D. LANIER was born

in the county of Beaufort in the State of North Carolina, November 22d, 1800. His father was Alexander Chalmers Lanier, and his mother's maiden name was Sarah Chalmers. His first paternal ancestor in this country was Thomas Lanier, a Huguenot of Bordeaux, France, who fled from the religious persecutions, about the middle of the seventeenth century, going first to England and afterwards to this country, and settling in North Carolina.

Soon after the birth of the subject of this sketch, his father removed to Bourbon county, Kentucky, and in 1807 he removed to Eaton, Ohio, where the childhood of Mr. Lanier was spent. In 1817 his father removed to Madison, Indiana, where he died in 1820, leaving a widow and one son.

Mr. Lanier's early education was of a limited character, both as to time and extent of studies. About eighteen months in Eaton at a common school, and in 1815-16, about a year and a half at an academy at Newport, Kentucky, and about the same length of time after he came to Madison, at a private school, comprises it.

At Eaton he was employed in a store of general character, and there got the foundation of his business education. In 1819 he commenced the study of law in the office of Alexander A. Meek, and finished his legal studies by a course at the Transylvania Law School in Kentucky, graduating in 1823. He commenced the practice of law in Madison, practicing in the

southeastern district of Indiana, which comprised a number of counties.

In 1824 he was appointed Associate Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State Legislature, and continued in that position till 1837, when he was made principal clerk of that body. His salary as clerk was \$3.50 per day. In 1833 he went into the Madison Branch of the State Bank, which was chartered in that year, and took a prominent share in the management of it. He was made Pension Agent for a portion of the Western States in 1837.

In 1849, he removed to New York City, for the purpose of engaging more largely in railroad operations, forming a copartnership with Mr. R. H. Winslow in the business of negotiation of railroad securities and a general banking business. He continued in this business in New York till his death in August, 1881.

In 1819, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Gardiner, of Kentucky, by whom he had eight children, of whom six are now living: Elizabeth G., Washington City, widow of Gen. Wm. M. Dunn; Drusilla D., wife of Judge John R. Cravens, Madison, Ind.; Alexander C., of Madison, Ind., the eldest; Margaret Pangelly, Morristown, N. J.; Mrs. Mary Stone, New York City, and Mr. Charles Lanier, of New York City.

He was married a second time in 1849 to Miss McClure, of Chambersburg, Pa., by which marriage he had one daughter, Katie, who is a widow

residing at Lennox, Mass., and one son who died young. His widow survives him and lives at Lennox.

**CHRISTOPHER HARRISON** was a man of strange habits and life. Born at the town of Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Maryland, of wealthy parentage, in the year 1775, he migrated to Indiana Territory in 1808. He led a solitary, secluded life for some years, avoiding all society, occupying himself entirely with hunting, and his books. Disappointment in a love affair was understood to have been the cause of his course of life at this time. He seems to have been attracted by the beauty of Fair Prospect Point, for we find him settled there probably as early as 1808. He remained there until about 1815, when he sold his land to George Logan. [See Logan's sketch before].

In the records of the Common Pleas Court of the date of Thursday, Oct. 22d, 1812, we find the following entry: "Gen. Christopher Harrison took the place of Williamson Dunn as Judge of the Common Pleas Court." A previous entry of the same court shows that General Christopher Harrison was acting as one of the grand jurors of the court. He seems to have given up the secluded life he had been living at this time, for we notice his name on the records of the court up to the time he sold out his land. He went to Salem from here in 1815, and engaged in keeping one of the frontier

stores, dealing in all articles in use at that time by the frontier settlers. Jonathan Lyons, one of the proprietors of the town of Madison, was engaged in the business with him.

He still retained some peculiarity of character as will be seen by the following quotation from a sketch of his life in "Biographical and Historical Sketches of Early Indiana," by W. W. Woollen (to whom I am indebted for some of my incidents. W. P. II.):

"While at Salem, Christopher Harrison lived alone. His dwelling was a little brick house of two rooms, one of them barely large enough for a bed. An old colored woman came each morning to tidy up the house and put things in order, and, with this exception, no one scarcely ever entered his door. But the lot upon which it stood was often visited. It was fifty feet one way by one hundred the other, and nearly every foot of it not covered by the house was planted in flowers. Here the boys and girls of the town would come for flowers, and seldom did they go away empty handed. The master of the house made bouquets and gave to them, drew pictures for them, and in many other ways sought to please and make them happy."

Mr. Harrison was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Indiana on the first Monday in August in the year 1816. First Lieut. Governor of the State. He resigned his position as Lieut. Governor because the Legislature did not think as he did on a subject which has divided the Supreme Courts

of the State since that time. That is, whether a law of the State restricting the governor to that office only, is a tenable and binding one or not. It was set aside in this case and in several others, by high handed assumption and sustained by personal friends of Gov. Jennings who were in the Legislature. Soon after Gov. Harrison quit business and went onto a farm, and a few years after returned to the scenes of his nativity in Maryland, where he died at the age of eighty-eight.

Lieut. Gov. Harrison was a gentleman of culture and education, and well fitted for any position to which he aspired, but he lacked in suavity of manner and tact; qualities very necessary in the make up of a successful politician.

#### CAPT. ISAAC CHAMBERS.—

Capt. Chambers was born in Melton county, Kentucky, May 28th, 1795, and was raised on a farm. His education was quite limited. He was in the war of 1812-15, and was at the battle of New Orleans. After the battle he walked to his home in Kentucky and raised a crop there; and then came to Indiana and entered a tract of land in Jefferson county in the fall of 1815. He built him a cabin and then returned to Kentucky. In the year following he removed his family to his land in (what is now) Monroe township, Jefferson county, Indiana. He was a man who was respected by his neighbors and by the citizens of the whole county. He was

a good citizen, honorable, honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men.

In 1840 he was elected as a member of the State Legislature from this county. He was a captain in the State militia.

In his youth he flat-boated on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Upon his return home from one of his trips to New Orleans, he was taken sick, and stopped behind the other men who were traveling with him, as they supposed to die. Fortunately he fell into the hands of an old Spanish woman, who understood his case and cured him so quickly that he, by taking a short route, was enabled to overtake his comrades before they got home. When he approached their camp they supposed that it was his ghost and were much frightened, but finally he was able to prove to them that it was himself and no ghost, and they journeyed home to Kentucky together. The old woman could not understand his language, but knew how to treat the malarial diseases of the country, which was much better for him.

Capt. Chambers lived on the place that he entered in 1815 until his death, which occurred in 1865.

**JUDGE WILLIAMSON DUNN** was a man whose name was connected very intimately with much of the early history of this country. He came to the county in the year 1809, and settled on a farm on which a part of

the town of Hanover now stands. Here he lived for the greater portion of his remaining life.

Williamson Dunn was appointed as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Jefferson, Indiana territory, which place he held until April, 1813. At this time he was commissioned as captain of a company of rangers, which had been enlisted in this county and in Kentucky, near here.

Judge Dunn was Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Jefferson county in 1814, and for some years after that date.

In May, 1820, Judge Dunn was commissioned Register of the Land Office, for Terre Haute district. The land office was afterwards removed to Crawfordsville and Judge Dunn was re-appointed to the position of Register. He and others purchased the land on which Crawfordsville was laid out, and he donated the land upon which Wabash College was built. He also gave land for the establishment of a college at Hanover. In 1829 he returned to Hanover and resided there the rest of his life. In 1832 he was a candidate for the State Senate, but was defeated; but was chosen as Senator in 1837, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieut. Gov. David Hillis. In 1843 he was again nominated but was defeated by a division in his party, caused by Shadrach Wilber, who was also a Whig, running as an independent candidate for the same office — the State Senate — and Jesse

D. Bright, a Democrat, was elected. In 1846 Judge Dunn was elected as Probate Judge of the county, and was re-elected and held the office at the time that the court was abolished under the new Constitution.

Judge Dunn was born Dec. 25th, 1781, near Danville, Ky. He was the third son of Samuel Dunn, a native of Ireland. The family were Presbyterian in their belief. In September, 1806, he was married to Miss Miriam Wilson, of Garrard county, Ky. They raised a family of eleven children—seven boys and four girls. The family have been scattered over the country, and the most of them are dead. There are only four of them now living. (Jan. 1889).

Judge Dunn joined the Presbyterian church at about the age of thirty-five, and was an earnest Christian the balance of his life. For over thirty years he was a ruling elder in the church. He was a man of fine character and sterling integrity; a man who always had the courage to act upon his convictions, no matter how unpopular they might be. He was a man of good judgment; rather slow in forming conclusions, but once formed in his mind and convinced of their righteousness, he was a hero in their defense. His record during life, in all of the positions which he was called upon to fill, was good and perfectly clean. His wife died in October, 1837, and he was remarried in November, 1839, to Mary Fleming, who survived him.

Judge Dunn died Nov. 11th, 1854,

from the effects of a sunstroke in the month of September previous.

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#### JOHN HENRY WAGNER.—

Mr. Wagner was born in Franklin county, Penn. The exact date of his birth is not known, as his parents died when he was quite young, and he was bound out till he was of age. The custom in those days was to bind out orphan boys till twenty-one years of age, and girls till eighteen.

If there ever had been any record of his father's family it was either lost or destroyed. He learned the blacksmith's trade. He married in Pennsylvania, Mary J. Hoffman, who was also an orphan and a bond-girl. In some way they were informed that there was only twenty-one days' difference in their birth. Mr. Wagner and wife were both of German parentage. They kept a tavern in Chambersburg, Penn. They came to this county May 23d, in the year 1808, and landed at about where now is the foot of Jefferson street. They floated down the river in an old-time flat boat called a broad-horn. When they arrived at this point, they determined to settle here, and so removed from their boat, the lumber of which was used for flooring of their cabin. Their cabin (the first one built in the town) stood at where is now the north-east corner of Mulberry and First streets, on a high bank which has since been cut away, the second bank or rise from the

river. Having his tools with him he set up a shop, and so far as is now known was the first iron worker in the settlement. Previous to his coming, the settlers had gone over the river into Kentucky to have their blacksmith work done. This consisted chiefly in making axes, hoes and other edge tools, bells for horses and cattle, and all articles of hardware, belonging to their department of work, besides a great deal of other work which is out of the line of the blacksmith of the present day. Mr. Wagner and wife raised a family of four boys and three girls.

They remained in Madison for many years, when they removed to a farm on the Michigan road, four miles from town, and from thence to Jennings county, when they returned to Jefferson county, where they died. Mr. Wagner died May 25th, 1841, and his wife died August 13th, in the same year. They were supposed to have been about eighty years old at the time of their death.

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**THOMAS WISE**—Was born in Maryland on the eastern shore in 1793. His parents emigrated to Kentucky when he was only two years of age. His father died soon afterwards, leaving five children, three boys and two girls. In 1800 his mother came to Trimble county, where the family remained. Thomas came to Indiana first on the day of the first sale of town lots in Madison,

but returned to his mother's, where he remained till a few days after the Pigeon Roost massacre, which occurred on September 3d, 1812, about sunset. Having heard of the massacre, young Wise and a companion went down to see the place. The sight so fired his young blood that he joined the "Rangers" and went out on the "Delaware campaign," as it was called. The company was mustered into the service April 13th, 1813. After the year had expired—of his enlistment—he came back to Jefferson county and made it his home. He was a farmer and lived on the land which he entered in 1814, till he died. He was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of this county for twenty-one years and was as well known probably as any man in the county. He was respected for his honesty by all who knew him. He represented this county twice in the Legislature.

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**LEWIS DAVIS**, one of the original proprietors of the town of Madison, was a man of middle age when he met John Paul at the land sale at Jeffersonville in the spring of 1809. Where he was born or where he died is not known. He left Madison some time in 1812 or 1813, and went to Xenia, Ohio, to reside. Afterwards he resided in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1817 he was there, as is found by a deed conveying his entire remaining interest of lands in Madison, Indiana

Territory, to Lewis Whiteman, bearing date of November 24th, 1817. On October 8th, 1813, Davis had sold one-half of his interest in Madison to Mr. Jacob Burnet, of Cincinnati, he then being a resident of Greene county, Ohio.

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JONATHAN LYONS, the third partner in the original town of Madison, came down in a flat-boat in the spring of 1809 in search of a place of abode. He landed his boat near to the cabin of Wm. Hall, in what is now called Fulton, on the eastern limit of Madison, and after prospecting around the country a few days, and being pleased with the lay of the land, he bought out Hall's claim and left his family here in Hall's cabin and went to Jeffersonville, where he found that John Paul had purchased the site of Madison. He then entered the land on the claim which he had bought of Hall and other pieces of land, and finally became one-third owner with Paul and Davis of the Madison tract. He returned here and lived for some years, and built a number of houses in the place. The first was on the bank between the old Ross tan-yard and the river, where he lived for some time.

In 1815 he removed to Salem, Ind., where he died quite an old man, and where his descendants are to this day. He there engaged in merchandise with Christopher Harrison (see sketch of).

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WILLIAM CHAMBERS, SR.—

The subject of this sketch was the oldest son of Alexander Chambers, who was the son of David Chambers who emigrated to America from England during King William's war, about the year 1689 or 1691. David Chambers at that time was a mere youth, and settled with his father, Samuel Chambers, in Rockbridge county, Virginia.

In 1756, Alexander, the father of William Chambers, was born, and in the war of the revolution was the only survivor of three brothers; the other two, Samuel and David, losing their lives in the struggle for liberty from the British crown. After the close of the revolution, Alexander removed with his mother to Rutherford county, North Carolina, where, in 1789, he married Ann Monroe, an aunt of the Rev. Wm. Y. Monroe, who at one time was County Treasurer of Jefferson county.

In 1791, the oldest son, William, was born, and in 1799 removed with his father to near Boonesboro, Ky. Here they resided till 1806 when, with about three other families, Alexander removed to the Wabash country, near to Vincennes, where they resided about two years, when Chambers, with his family, removed back to Kentucky, and remained there one year; then he removed his family to what is now known as Kent, in Jefferson county, Indiana. At this place Alexander and his son William, now a young man of eighteen years of age, erected a fort, or, as it was then called, a block house.

This was in the year 1809. This was the point of defense against the Indians of the various tribes who roamed through the wilderness.

In the war of 1812, William Chambers was a soldier in Capt. Williamson Dunn's company of Rangers. Just before the battle of Tippecanoe, Dunn's company was ordered to join General Harrison's army, and started to do so, but when near where Columbus, Ind., now stands, Col. McFarland countermanded the order and sent the Rangers under Dunn back to the settlements, as reports were sent them of threatened attacks by the Indians. William Chambers was one of a detachment of twenty-five men that went to the "Pigeon Roost" massacre-ground, the day after the massacre, and assisted in burying the bodies of the twenty-three persons who were butchered by the Indians. After peace, William Chambers married Sarah Blankinship in the year 1816. The license issued to him being the first one recorded in the county. From this marriage, one child, James B., was born in 1825, who is still living near the site of his father's first settlement. In 1825 his wife died, and the next year he married Catherine Blankinship, a sister of his first wife. Nine children were the fruit of this marriage, all of whom are dead, except one son, J. G. Chambers, of the firm of Branham & Chambers, furniture dealers in Madison, Ind., and one daughter, Mrs. Le Roue, of Evansville, Ind.

Mr. William Chambers was a member of the Baptist Church, at White River, which was organized at the fort in June, 1811, where they held their services of worship for a number of years. His membership extended over a period of time of more than sixty years; for more than fifty years he was a deacon in the church.

In 1823, when returning from a trip to New Orleans, on the steamboat "Old Tennessee," the boat sank on the night of February 9th, in the middle of the Mississippi river, near Natchez. He saved his life by swimming ashore, leaving all the money he had—which was gold—tied around the bannister of the boat. William Chambers died July 16th, 1879, at the age of seventy-eight years. His father died in 1857, at the extreme age of one hundred and one years, one month and fifteen days.

Sketch furnished by J. G. Chambers, of Madison, Ind.

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WILLIAM MCKEE DUNN,  
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL U. S. A.  
—Mr. Dunn was born at South Hanover, Jefferson county, Indiana Territory, December 12th, 1814. His parents were Judge Williamson Dunn, and Miriam Wilson. See Judge Dunn's sketch in this volume.

He was the fifth child and the fourth son of his parents, and inherited from them a robust frame and vigorous constitution. These were developed and strengthened by work



upon the farm and general out-of-door exercise, in which he spent his childhood and youth. He had a genial, cheery disposition, and enjoyed good health during the greater portion of his life. Having these advantages, he was well fitted for the life of toil through which he passed, and was enabled to bar up till very near the end in full vigor of both mind and body.

He used to laugh at the recollections connected with his first school-days in the log school-house at Hanover, and the rough times at the school, relating incidents that were full of mirth to the man, but had been of sore distress to the boy.

He attended the State University at Bloomington, Ind., where he received the degree of A. B. in the year 1832. In the year of 1835, he received the degree of A. M. from Yale, Bloomington and Hanover Colleges. He was principal of the Preparatory Department of Hanover College from 1833 to 1835. Post graduate studies in science, Yale College, in 1835; professor of mathematics at Hanover College, 1836-37. He was a member of the Indiana Legislature in the session of 1848-49.

He studied law 1837-39, and was admitted to practice at the bar at Lexington, Scott county, Indiana, in 1839. He located at New Albany, Indiana, in the practice of his profession, and remained there for three years, removing to Madison, Indiana, in the fall of 1842, where he resided

until 1864, when he removed to Washington city, D. C., where he lived until his death, which occurred July 24th, 1887.

At Madison he engaged in the practice of his profession, first in partnership with Michael G. Bright, and afterwards with A. W. Hendricks.

In 1849 he was the Whig candidate for Congress in this district, but was defeated by Cyrus L. Dunham. In 1850 he was elected as a member of the Constitutional Convention from Jefferson county. In 1858 he was elected as member of Congress from this District to the 38th Congress, serving from 1858 to 1860. In the campaign of 1860 he was re-elected to Congress, and in 1862 he was defeated for that place. At the breaking out of the rebellion he was offered a Colonelcy by Gov. Morton, and an appointment as Brigadier-General by President Lincoln. He declined both of these, preferring to finish his term in Congress. At the close of his term in Congress, he was appointed, in 1863, as Judge Advocate General of the Department of Missouri, headquarters at St. Louis. In 1864 he was appointed Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army of the United States, headquarters at Washington city. At the death of Gen. Holt, he was made Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, in 1876. He was retired in 1881. In 1877 he was given the degree of L. L. D. by Hanover College.

He was a man full of honors from

his fellow-men, and deserving of them.

In the fall of 1841, he was married in Madison, Indiana, to Miss Elizabeth G. Lanier, eldest daughter of J. F. D. Lanier. (See his sketch). They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are still living. Major Wm. M. Dunn, of U. S. Army, Mrs. Fannie McKee, of Washington city, Lanier Dunn, farmer, of Virginia, and Mr. George Dunn, lawyer, of Denver, Colorado.

His widow still survives him, living in Washington city, D. C.

Mr. W. W. Woollen, of Indianapolis, is engaged in writing a full history of him which will be published in the near future.

COL. MICHAEL C. GARBER.—The late Michael Christian Garber, was of German and Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was born in Augusta county Virginia, in 1813. His grandfather, Michael Garber, was the inventor of the first machine to make cut nails. When a youth Mr. Garber went to Pennsylvania, where he engaged successfully in merchandising, canal and railroad building. In 1843 he removed to the West, and finally located in Madison in 1849. He purchased the *Madison Courier* of S. F. Covington, and continued its sole or principal proprietor until his death. Mr. Garber had become convinced that slavery was a mistake for all parties concerned by his residence in Pennsylvania, hence his sympathies as an editor, when he

took control of the *Courier* were not as strongly pro-slavery as those of Hon. Jesse D. Bright and his wing of the Indiana Democracy. With this as a basis of disagreement the combative and independent spirits of Garber and Bright were not long in unison. The result was Bright had Garber read out of the Democratic party, and the bold and aggressive editor went further and further in his opposition to the fugitive slave law and advocacy of free soil until he became one of the Indiana leaders of the movement that culminated in the organization of the Republican party. He was the chairman of the party's first State Central Committee and was one of the draughtsmen of its first State platform. When the war broke out Mr. Garber was commissioned a brigadier quartermaster with the rank of Captain. He was promoted to Brevet-Major for gallantry in the battle of Mill Springs, Ky., in 1862, and subsequently was promoted to be Colonel for conspicuous efficiency in the Red River campaign of Gen. N. P. Banks. He was afterwards quartermaster of the Army of the Tennessee, and was attached to Gen. W. T. Sherman's staff, as Quartermaster-in-the-Field of the great Army of the West in its march from Savannah, Ga., to Washington, D. C. After the war Col. Garber was retained in the service for over a year and sold vast quantities of government stores, ships and other property, in the Southern States. Declining a commission in

the regular army he returned home in 1866 and resumed editorial control of the *Courier*. He was recognized as a great force in Indiana journalism and loved and honored his occupation. In 1875 he was appointed postmaster at Madison, and was stricken with hemorrhage of the brain April 2d, 1881, while standing at his desk in the office. His death occurred five days subsequent. Col. Garber was of tall,

stalwart form, and of genial, prepossessing appearance. He was characterized by patience, industry, courage and pertinacity. Few men have exerted a more wholesome influence, so far as their careers extended, than he. His family life was particularly happy. He was married in 1837 to Miss Ellinor Schell, of Schellsburg, Penn., who with three daughters and two sons survived him.



# JENNINGS COUNTY.

(By W. H. PERRIN, Esq.)

JENNINGS COUNTY lies in the southern part of Indiana. It was organized in 1816, and named for Jonathan Jennings, the first Governor of Indiana, after it was admitted into the Union as a State. It is bounded on the north by Bartholomew and Decatur counties, on the east by Ripley, on the south by Jefferson and Scott, and on the west by Jackson and Bartholomew. It contains 375 square miles, and by the census of 1880 it had 16,453 population. The surface bordering the streams is broken, while rich alluvial valleys, and high table-lands or "flats" form the water-shed between the streams. The ground is well drained by Big Creek, which washes the county on the south-west; Big and Little Graham, uniting below San Jacinto; the north or west fork of the Muscatatuck, which unites with the South Fork at Old Vernon; Sand Creek, rising in Decatur county, flowing through the western part of this county, with its various branches, Rock, Nettle, Wyalusing, Rat Tail, Bear and other small tributaries, making one of the main feeders of the

White river; Coffee, Six Mile, Tea, Ice, Storm, Wolf, etc.

Heavy timber originally covered the county. The timbered lands were of two different kinds; first the "flats," which were covered with large and tall timber—white oak, beech, gum, soft maple, burr oak, hickory, and some other varieties, with a thick undergrowth in many sections, interwoven with native grape-vines. Second, the rolling land, where the timber is white oak, black oak, beech, sugar tree, linden, ash, black walnut, white walnut, cherry, poplar, with an undergrowth on rich bottoms of pawpaw and an occasional large sassafras. On the bottom lands along the streams, sycamore, hackberry, elm and buckeye flourish. These forests have, as a general thing, been stripped of the best timber. The white oak has been extensively cut for staves, the upper parts of the trees being left to decay upon the ground. In some sections the native forests remain untouched, and from these may be formed some conception of their vigorous growth.

A killing frost which occurred here

May 8th, 1833, is still vividly remembered by many of the older people. The timber in certain localities was much injured. On the "west flats" the beech growth was nearly entirely killed and in other places the tops of the white oaks were killed. Coming so late in the season and being so severe, all the fruit in this section was killed, except a few varieties of late, hardy apples. A frost so late in the season is rare in this latitude and is productive of great harm. It also becomes a kind of chronological event from which all neighborhood happenings date.

*Productions.*—As a general rule, the rolling lands bordering the numerous streams are more productive than the flats. Bordering on Sand Creek, North and South Forks of the Muscatuck, and Big and Little Graham, are rich alluvial bottoms yielding bounteous corn crops. In fact, all the small streams of Coffee Creek have more or less of such lands along their borders. The principal productions are corn, wheat, oats, rye, buckwheat and hay. The following are the crop statistics, according to the census of 1880: Corn, 651,119 bushels; wheat, 159,358 bushels; oats, 67,904 bushels; buckwheat, 1,280 bushels; hay, 9,919 tons; Irish potatoes, 34,611 bushels; value of orchard products, \$26,117. A considerable area is in pasture and large numbers of mules, horses and cattle are raised for the Cincinnati and other markets. Large numbers of hogs are fattened for the various

markets. The same statistics (census of 1880) show the following: Horses, 4,816 head; cattle, 12,456; hogs, 22,273; sheep, 9,354; wool, 53,436 pounds. The disease known as "hog cholera," is sometimes quite prevalent and the most practical farmers attribute the disease to parasites which find lodgment in the intestines of the hog, and finally develop themselves into worms, which destroys its health and terminates in death.

Fruit culture is becoming more and more extensive every year and the soil proves that it is a good fruit region. The usual varieties of summer and winter apples do well; occasionally, cherries and pears. Peaches are not extensively grown. Wild blackberries grow in profusion, and are quite a source of income at some points, also wild grapes. Strawberries are successfully cultivated in certain localities.

The most valuable minerals of this county are building stone, limestone for lime, brick and tile clay. The continuous beds of North Vernon blue limestone are very valuable and extend over a large area of the county. The amount of this stone quarried for the Cincinnati Southern railroad bridge, over the Ohio river, besides a great many other shipments which are constantly being made from the various quarries, has given employment to a large number of hands within the county. "The layers of blue limestone," says Mr. W. W. Borden, "will alone, in the course of time, bring an

immense revenue, while immediately below are the white limestone layers which afford good material for white quick-lime. \* \* \* Below the white limestone are the Niagara rocks, which are noted for making good lime and for building and flagging purposes. Good (ocherous) clay, suitable for red brick is found convenient to all the large towns. Sand for all ordinary purposes is to be found along all the streams throughout the county."

Few are aware that gold exists in Indiana, but it does in almost every part of it. It nowhere exists, however, in sufficient quantities to pay for working it. It was found in greater quantity in the bed of the south fork of the Muscatatuck river than anywhere else, in the black sand washed down from the glacial drift of the uplands, and at one time the excitement occasioned by its discovery was very great.

*Settlements.*—Jennings County was settled principally from the Southern States—most of the early settlers coming from Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, with a number of families from Kentucky. They were of that hardy class whose trials and hardships were as nothing compared to the longing desire to possess a home of their own. They had come from States where the bane of slavery rendered the poor man's lot a hard and disagreeable one. Hence, to obtain a home in the distant West, where slavery would never disturb the peace and tranquility of their settlements was the dream

of their life, and when the end was accomplished they would not have been willing to exchange their little unpretending home for the slave-owner's acres and slaves. They did not come in great rushing crowds as emigrants now go West, on railroad trains, but they come on foot, in ox-wagons, on horseback and, in fact, any way they could get here. But without following them in all the hardships and vicissitudes of their settlement, we will leave them and their descendants to the pleasures and enjoyments their courage and perseverance have won them.

*County Organization.*—Jennings County was organized in 1816. Following is the act of the Legislature for its formation:

*An act for the formation of a new County out of the Counties of Jackson and Jefferson, and for other purposes.*

1.—*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,* That from and after the first day of February next, all that part of the counties of Jackson and Jefferson which is included in the following bounds, shall form and constitute a new county (that is to say), beginning on the line of the Grouseland Purchase, at the intersection of the line dividing ranges six and seven east; thence south with said line to the line dividing townships III and IV north; thence east six miles; thence north six miles; thence east with another township line four miles; thence north two miles; thence east two miles;

thence north two miles; thence east two miles; thence north two miles; thence east with the line dividing townships V and VI north to the southeast corner of section thirty-one in township VI north, range X east; thence north with the sectional line to the Indian boundary line; thence westwardly with said line to the place of beginning.

2.—The said new county shall, on and after the first day of February next, be known and designated by the name and style of the county of Jennings, and it shall enjoy all the rights and privileges and jurisdiction which to a separate county does or may properly appertain and belong, *Provided always*, that all suits, pleas, complaints, actions and proceedings which may, before the said first day of February next, have been commenced, instituted, and pending within the now counties of Jackson and Jefferson, shall be prosecuted to final judgment and effect in the same manner as if this act had never been passed, *Provided also*, that the State and county's levies and taxes which are now due within the bounds of said new county, shall be collected and paid in the same manner and by the same affairs as they would have been if the erection of said new county had not taken effect.

3.—Robert Simington and Daniel Searles of Jefferson county, William Cranshear of Jackson county, Thomas Carr, of Clark county, and Elijah Golay, of Switzerland county, be and

they are hereby appointed Commissioners to designate the plan for the permanent seat of justice of Jennings county, agreeable to an act entitled, "An act for the fixing the seats of justice in all new counties hereafter to be laid off;" the Commissioners above named, or others appointed by the proper court, shall convene at the house of John Vawter, on the second Monday in February next, and then to proceed to discharge the duties assigned them by law.

4. The Board of Commissioners of said new county, shall within twelve months after the permanent seat of justice be established, proceed to erect the necessary public buildings thereon.

5. Until suitable accommodations can be had, in the opinion of the Circuit Court at the seat of justice of said new county, all the courts of justice shall be holden at the house of John Vawter in said county; after which time the Circuit Court and all the courts necessary to be held at the county-seat shall be adjourned to the same.

6. The said new county of Jennings, be, and the same is hereby attached to, and shall form a part of the third circuit; and the Circuit Courts shall be holden in the said County of Jennings, three times in each year hereafter, and shall commence on the first Mondays of April, July and November, and shall sit six days at each term, unless the business shall be sooner dispatched.

7. Whenever the seat of justice within the County of Jennings shall

have been established, the person or persons authorized to dispose of, and sell the lots at the seat of justice, shall reserve ten *per centum* on the net proceeds of the whole sale for the use of a county library in said county, which sum or sums of money shall be paid over to such person or persons as may be authorized to receive the same, in such manner and in such installments as shall be authorized by law.

Two or three more sections follow but are not specially pertinent to the formation of the county. The act was approved December 27th, 1816, and was signed:

ISAAC BLACKFORD,

Speaker of House of Representatives.

CHRISTOPHER HARRISON,

President of the Senate.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

Governor.

The county was organized under the foregoing act, officers elected and all the legal machinery set in motion. Vernon was finally chosen as the county seat, and the public buildings erected according to the act of the Legislature.

#### TOWNS.

VERNON.—The county seat of Jennings county, is beautifully situated at the junction of the North and South forks of the Muscatatuck river, and on the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis railroad. It is a rather dull old town of 616 inhabitants by the last census (1880), but has a sound and solid foundation from a financial and business standpoint. The court

house is a handsome brick structure, with white limestone trimmings, obtained from the neighboring quarries, and was built under the supervision of Isaac Hodgson, of Indianapolis. There is, and has been, considerable manufacturing done in Vernon, among which may be mentioned spoke and hub factory; foundry and plow shop; stave and heading factory; woolen and flouring mill; wagons and buggies; pumps and rakes; etc., etc., etc.

NORTH VERNON, the largest and most prosperous town in the county, is situated at the junction of the Louisville division of the Ohio and Mississippi railroad, with the main line, and the crossing of the Madison branch of the J. M. & I. road. It had a population of 1,842 by the census of 1880 and is a brisk business town. The manufacturing interests are flouring mills, furniture and planing mills, woolen mills, chair factories, and others of lesser note. The town is well supplied with churches and schools; the church denominations being Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Catholics; and a large and fine school house being located here, with an excellent graded school.

Other villages and hamlets are Scipio, situated on the J. M. & I. railroad; Queensville is located on the same road, and between the latter place and North Vernon; Paris is an old town

"A place for idle eyes and ears,

A cobwebbed nook of dreams;

Left by the streams whose waves are years

The stranded village seems" —



situated on the bluffs of Graham creek; Paris Crossing is on the O. & M. railroad, and is a live little place; Comisky, Sherman, and Lovett are located on the O. & M., south of North Vernon; Butlersville and Nebraska are east of North Vernon on the O. & M. and do a large mill and lumber business; Zenas is situated on the North Fork of the Muscatatuck, in Columbia township; Brewersville is situated on Sand Creek, and Hardinburg on the O. & M. railroad. These are all small places.

*Railroads.*—Jennings county is well supplied with railroads and North Vernon, its principal town, is quite a railroad center. The main line of the Ohio & Mississippi railroad crosses the county from east to west, and is intersected by the Louisville division at North Vernon, where it is also crossed by the Madison division of the J. M. & I. These roads have been of great benefit to the county in moving its surplus produce and facilitating trade; also of causing a number of small manufacturing enterprises to spring up in various sections of the county which give employment to many people, and are the means of distributing considerable money in business circles. Upon the whole, the county is doing well and is in a most prosperous condition.

JEPHTHA DUDLEY NEW—Was born in Vernon, Jennings county, Indi-

ana, November 28th, A. D. 1830, and is the son of Hickman and Smyra Ann (Smitha) New.

Jethro New, the father of Hickman New, was a native of Delaware and settled early in life in Gallatin county, Kentucky, and in 1822 removed with his family of twelve children to Jennings county, Indiana.

Hickman New, now in his eighty-second year, is the youngest and the only survivor of the twelve children. He began life as a cabinet-maker, and until age interrupted his labors was an active minister in the Christian church. He is now well preserved, both physically and mentally. Smyra Ann New, his wife, died in 1879 at the age of seventy years.

The subject of this sketch was reared in the town of Vernon and was educated at the Vernon Seminary and at Bethany College, an institution founded by the celebrated Alexander Campbell. After leaving college in 1850, he read law in the office of Lucius Bingham, Esq., at Vernon. The first public office held by him was that of Mayor of his native town, to which he was elected at the age of twenty-two. In 1862 he was elected Commonwealth Attorney for two years, when he was elected Common Pleas Judge for four years, at the end of which term he declined a re-election. He then returned to the practice of his profession, and continued in the same with great success and profit until 1874, when he was elected to the 46th Congress, as a Democrat

in a strong Republican district, carrying it by thirteen hundred majority. He was the first and only Democratic candidate for Congress who has ever carried Jefferson and Jennings counties. In 1876 he was unanimously renominated for Congress but declined. In 1878 he was urged to accept the nomination, and did so; and he was elected after the hottest Congressional contest ever known in Indiana in an off year. His majority was four hundred and ninety-one, although the same counties gave the Republican State ticket a decisive majority. In the 44th Congress he was a member of the special committee, appointed to investigate the much talked of real estate pool in the District of Columbia, and out of which grew the celebrated Hallet-Kilbourne contempt case, in the argument of which Judge New, on the floor of the House, represented the committee.

In the same Congress he was one of a special committee sent to New Orleans to investigate the management of the Federal offices there. He was also, in the same Congress put upon the committee which was sent to Louisiana to inquire into the vote for Tilden and Hayes; and was, after reaching New Orleans, made chairman of a sub-committee sent to investigate specially the said election in what were called the "bull-dozed parishes." Upon the return of the committee to Washington, Judge New was selected by his Democratic colleagues on the committee to deliver one of the

speeches on the Louisiana election, which under the division of time agreed on, belonged to the Democratic side of the House.

In the 46th Congress he was made a member of the Judiciary Committee and of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice. He was also made chairman of the special committee raised to investigate charges preferred against Mr. Seward, our minister to China. He was also on the special committee sent to Cincinnati to investigate the Congressional elections in that city.

At the close of the 46th Congress he resumed the practice of his profession and pursued the same actively until 1882, when he was elected Circuit Judge. His term as Judge expired November, 1888.

Judge New is now one of the five Supreme Court Commissioners, appointed by the last General Assembly of this State. This commission was created in aid of the Supreme Judges and will continue for four years. He has been spoken of prominently for Governor. He has been successful in the accumulation of property, being one of the largest tax-payers of his county.

His family consists of his wife, Sallie (Butler) New, who was a pupil of his in a school taught by him after leaving college; a daughter, Mary, the wife of Dr. William Stemm; Willard New, a very active and promising young attorney, located at Vernon; and Burt New, now a student at Bloomington College, Indiana.

**PIERSON CONKLING**—The subject of this sketch, was one of a family of nine children, of whom six are living at this writing. At the age of ten years his father moved with his family to the country, a few miles from Cincinnati, and engaged in farming with good success until his death. And he followed the same occupation until 1865, when he sold his farm, and in 1868 came to Indiana and engaged in a general merchandise business; first at Nebraska, Indiana, and later in 1874 at North Vernon, where he still resides. He was married in November, 1845, to Miss Abby, daughter of the Rev. J. D. Conrey, of Butler county, Ohio. She died in 1850, leaving two children, James D., who is in business at Kentland, Indiana, and Anna R., who died at the age of six years. Mr Conkling was married again in 1855 to Miss Sarah J. Travis. They had two children, Elmer P., (dead) and Frank T., who is in business in Greenville, Ohio. Mr. Conkling was married again September 10th, 1872, to his present wife, Miss Martha M. Burke, of Bethel, Ohio. They have no children. He has ever been in active business life, and has been blessed with remarkably good health, and is one of the most progressive business men and enterprising merchants, builders and contractors in the county.

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**LINCOLN DIXON**—A prominent young lawyer, North Vernon, Indi-

ana, was born at Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, February 9th, 1860. His father's native town is Paris, same county and State, where he was born October 26th, 1826. He was a man of prominence in his day. During the war he held the office of Provost Marshal, and was for eight years Sheriff of Jennings county. His death occurred June 10th, 1869. Lincoln Dixon's mother was a Miss Belinda Foster, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, November 25th, 1826. Lincoln Dixon's early schooling was received at the Jennings Academy at Vernon, and in 1876 he entered the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, and from there he graduated with honor in 1880. He at once began the study of law, a profession for which he was so well by nature adapted. He was admitted to the bar, began practice and has been successful from the start.

In the House of Representatives, session of 1882-83, he was chosen Reading Clerk for that body. In 1884 he was nominated by the Democratic party for Prosecuting Attorney of his Judicial District, the sixth, composed of Jennings, Scott and Ripley counties, the duties of which office he discharged with such great satisfaction to his constituents that he was renominated in 1886, and elected, and again in 1888. In the last election the fight between the parties in the district was very hot and close, and while the Republicans carried the District by two hundred majority,

Mr. Dixon was triumphantly elected with a majority of 207. He is an honorable young man, a bright lawyer and a good speaker, and is making a remarkable record. Mr. Dixon was married to Miss Kate Storey, of Vernon, October 16th, 1884.

**JOHN D. KIDD**—Treasurer of Jennings county, is a native of Butler county, Ohio, where he was born July 23d, 1845. He is a son of Samuel C. and Sarah M. (Chancey) Kidd, natives of Ohio and Maryland. The former located in Jennings county in 1849, on a farm in Sand Creek township, where he was quite a prominent man in local politics, holding a number of township offices at different times. He enlisted in Company B. (137th) regiment of Indiana Infantry, in which he was a corporal. John D. was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools of his neighborhood.

He enlisted in the army in 1863, Co. H. (120th) regiment of Indiana Infantry, and was out twenty-five months, when he was discharged, the war having closed. He took part in the Atlanta campaign, and was in the battle of Franklin—the last severe battle of the war. Since the return of peace he has worked at his trade, serving occasionally in some township office—one time as township assessor. He was elected county treasurer in 1886, on the Republican ticket and re-elected in 1888. Mr.

Kidd was married to Miss Sarah Jane Stewart, a daughter of Jonathan Stewart, of Jennings county. They have five children, viz: Albion S., John C., Avel Blanché, Mary Leora and George C.

Mr. Kidd is a member of the G. A. R. and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**JOHN OVERMYER**—Lawyer and Ex-Speaker of Indiana House of Representatives, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, November 18th, 1844, and is a son of George and Harriet (Camp) Overmyer, natives of Ohio, who in 1849 settled on a farm in Jackson county Ind. Here John, the subject, was reared and educated. When sufficiently prepared he entered Asbury University (now DePauw) in September, 1863, from which he graduated in June, 1867.

During the last year in college he took up the study of law, and upon leaving college he located in Jennings county, where in February, 1868 he was admitted to the bar to practice law. He is one of the leading lawyers in the county and ranks high in his profession.

From 1871 up to 1875 he had for a partner his brother, David Overmyer, who in 1882 removed to Kansas and was a candidate for Congress in fall of 1888.

In 1868 John Overmyer was elected to Legislature from Jennings county, and was chairman of committee on

organization of courts. In 1872 and 1873 he was Reading Clerk in Indiana Senate, and in 1875 he was principal Secretary of said Senate.

In 1876 he was again elected to the Lower House, and in the sessions, general and special, of 1877, was chosen Speaker of the House. He was elected to Legislature again in 1878, but now his party (Republican) being in the minority he was defeated, though unanimously the nominee of his party at both regular and special sessions. In 1882 he was made chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and held the position two years; in 1888 he was delegate from the third district to the National Republican Convention and has been thoroughly identified with his party, although not in accord with the policy of opposition to tariff revision and reduction. His political creed is "the greatest good to the greatest number." He believes the world is governed too much—that the laws should be as simple and direct as possibly consistent with public order.

He has been a member of the Executive Republican State Committee from 1878 to 1886, except in 1880.

He is president of the Jennings County Bank, organized in 1885. He was made its first president and has served in that capacity up to the present time. The institution is a Bank of Discount and Deposit and has a capital of \$25,000. Frank E. Little has been his law partner since 1885.

Mr. Overmyer was married October 30th, 1870 to Miss Mary F. Sherfey, of Greencastle. They have two children, Misses Florence and Isabella.

**JAMES SCHULTHEISS**—Was born in Gibson county, Indiana, September 28th, 1842, and is a son of John and Catharine (Shaffer) Schultheiss, both born in Germany, the former near Strasburg, and came to America in 1838, locating in Gibson county, Indiana, and the latter came to this country with her parents about 1840. James, the subject, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of his county. At the age of eighteen he entered the army under the first call for troops in the spring of 1861, for three months. He afterward enlisted for "three years or during the war," and at the end of that time veteranized and remained in the service until the surrender at Appomattox closed the struggle. He was in Company G., Sixtieth Infantry, and saw active service as long as the war lasted, a part of the time on scout duty. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Stone River, Arkansas Post, Vicksburg, and at Appomattox. He was in the Red River expedition under Gen. Banks. Several times entered the enemy's lines as a spy, and was successful in obtaining the information sought and of escaping into his own lines. Was taken prisoner half-a-dozen times or more, but always

managed to make his escape. He returned home at the close of the war and settled in Indianapolis, learned the carpenter's trade, worked at it six or seven years, then floated around for a time, living in Knox, Ripley, Spencer counties, etc. Finally, he settled down in Jennings county, where he has since lived, and where he owns a farm of seventy acres of well improved land. He was married in 1866 to Miss Malinda Schmidt, born in Strasburg, Germany, and who came to America with her parents in 1856, settling in Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Schultheiss have six children, viz: Amelia, August, Mary, Peter, Louis and George. Mr. Schultheiss is a member of Cox Post G. A. R., No. 209, Indianapolis.

#### HON. GREENE L. SMITH.—

The subject of this sketch, Hon. Greene L. Smith, was born in Meigs county, Ohio, on the Ohio river, near Pomeroy, September 6th, 1848. He was the son of Harrison and Eliza L. Smith — *nee* Alexander — both natives of Ohio. His grand-parents on both sides were Virginians. His great-grandfather, Conrad Smith was, a soldier in the army of Virginia in the colonial days under Gov. Dunmore, and afterwards served for seven years in the army of the revolution under Gen. Washington, being present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. His father was a steamboat man on the Western and South-

ern rivers. He was educated at Franklin College, Ind., where he took a two years' course; but his education was more practical than scientific, acquired chiefly from personal observation. He began the study of law at Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1865, but his course was intermitted by school teaching, so that he was not admitted to the bar of the Common Pleas Court of Jennings county, Ind., until 1867, having left Ohio and settled in Indiana after he commenced the study of law. He followed the law as a profession in Jennings county until 1884, when he was elected by the Democratic party as State Senator for the counties of Jennings and Jackson. At the session of the Indiana Senate for 1885-86, he was chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, and also a member of both the Judiciary and Committee on Banking. At the close of the session of 1885, he was nominated for President of the Senate by the Democratic caucus over Senators Weir and Sellers, and at the session of 1887-88, made the most notable contest known in the political history of Indiana for Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate, against Col. R. S. Robinson, Republican, who claimed to have been elected by the people. Mr. Smith triumphed in this contest, thus securing the election of Hon. David Turpie to the Senate of the United States. In 1888, Mr. Smith was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Attorney-General, but

was defeated by reason of the late hour in the canvass at which he came out. In January, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Ida J. Shellenberger, of North Vernon, and two children—Florence and David Turpie—

bless the union. In the notable political campaign of 1888 for the Presidency, Hon. Greene L. Smith made an effective canvass of Indiana for the re-election of Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Smith is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



# SCOTT COUNTY.

(By W. H. PERRIN, Esq.)

SCOTT is a small county, and lies in the southeastern part of the State, some eighty miles east of south from Indianapolis. It is bounded on the north by Jackson, Jennings and Jefferson counties, east by Jefferson, south by Clark and west by Washington and Jackson. It contains 213 square miles and by the census of 1880 had 8,343 inhabitants. While it has not stood still for the last third of a century its increase of population has been slow. In 1860 the county had 7,303 inhabitants; in 1870 it had 7,873, an increase of 570 over 1860, while the decade from 1870 to 1880 increased the population only 470, or in two decades from 1860 to 1880, 1,040 increase.

The surface of the county is very irregular, and affords a variety of scenery. The north and north-western and central parts are very flat, as about Scottsburg, Austin, and especially in Johnson township; here the drainage is poor, excepting in the immediate vicinity of Big Creek, and north where the land is slightly rolling. The eastern part of the county is roll-

ing, and the southern and south-eastern is very much broken by a continuation of the Knob range of hills of Clark county, which have an elevation of from 300 to 400 feet. From the summits of many of these knobs are landscape views that would set the heart of a painter wild. White Oak Point, Rocky Point, Piney Point and many other elevations present views that command nearly the entire county. Five miles southwest of Vienna, on the dividing ridge between the headwaters of Silver Creek in Clark county, and the waters of Pigeon Roost Fork in Scott county, the view is very commanding. On suitable days when the atmosphere is in a favorable condition for the conveyance of sound, the whistles of locomotives and other noises can be heard for many miles; and the valley through which the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis railroad runs, can be traced on a clear day, beneath the overhanging mist, to the falls of the Ohio, and to the west and north the highest land of Jackson and Jennings counties can be easily distinguished. The county is



well drained, except the low flats above referred to, by the following streams, viz.: Big Creek, and its tributaries; the Southern or Brushy Fork of the Muscatatuck; Woods Fork; Home Fork; Pigeon Roost Fork; Little and Big Ox, and Fourteen Mile Creek—the latter stream rising in Jefferson county, flowing through the southwestern part of Scott and through Clark to the Ohio river. Big Creek is the largest of these streams and rises in Ripley county, flows in the direction of the Ohio and forms a part of the northern and western boundary of the county. It has considerable fall and a strong current, thus affording a number of good mill sites. Flowing over a persistent formation of the Niagara limestone, it has shifted but little from its primitive bed, and hence has but little bottom land along this part of the stream, but frequent abrupt banks. Upon reaching the black slate, however, it has rich alluvial bottoms, noted for their never-failing crops—especially of corn.

Wood's Fork rises in Jefferson county. The lands bordering it are very rich and productive. The rich bottoms of the Muscatatuck as farming lands are scarcely surpassed in the State, and are referred to by the inhabitants as a standard of comparison. The season of 1874 will long be remembered as one of great drouth, yet the "flats" of Scott county and these bottom lands had the heaviest crops of corn they had produced for years. Home Fork rises in the south-

ern part of the county, flows past the village of Lexington and joins Wood's Fork. Pigeon Roost Creek, Kimberland, Little and Big Ox, all have more or less rich and productive bottoms, which have some of the good farms of the county.

The knobs in the southern and western part of the county, originally so barren and bleak, now, so far as subjected to cultivation, grow fruit very successfully. The timber of this knob region is mostly pine, from which tar is made in considerable quantities. Also chestnut, white and red oak grow pretty extensively here. In the valleys the timber growth is beech, sugar maple, poplar, walnut, sycamore and others common in southern Indiana.

In the early settlement of the county, wild pigeons were more plenty than any other of the feathered tribe. Pigeon Roost Creek received its name from the vast numbers of these birds which in early times sought this broken region as a favorite roosting place, particularly in the winter season. Their favorite food, the beech nut, was found within a radius of fifty or sixty miles in almost endless profusion. Old settlers whose recollection extends back fifty years, say that they have seen the ground about this pigeon roost covered to the depth of several inches with their droppings, and that often in the fall of the year they could be seen there in countless numbers and covering many square miles of territory.

With the Pigeon Roost is connected a sad and melancholy incident, which for many years threw a gloom over all the settlements of southern Indiana. The Pigeon Roost massacre, though long remembered by the early settlers with a shudder of horror, is now fast fading from the minds of men. The best account probably that has been preserved of the sad affair is found in Dillon's History of Indiana. It is as follows:

Within the present limits of Scott county, there was in 1812, a place that was called the "Pigeon Roost Settlement." This settlement, which was founded by a few families in 1809, was confined to about a square mile of land and it was separated from all other settlements by a distance of five or six miles. In the afternoon of the 3d of September, 1812, Jeremiah Payne and a man whose name was Coffman, who were hunting for "bee-trees" in the woods about two miles north of the Pigeon Roost settlements, were surprised and killed by a party of Indians. This party of Indians, which consisted of ten or twelve warriors nearly all of whom were Shawanese, then attacked the Pigeon Roost settlement about sunset on the evening of the 3d of September; and in the space of about one hour killed one man, five women and sixteen children. The bodies of some of these victims of savage warfare were burned in the fires which consumed the cabins in which the murders were perpetrated.

The persons who were massacred at this settlement were Henry Collings and his wife; Mrs. Payne, wife of Jeremiah Payne, and eight of her children; Mrs. Richard Collings and seven of her children; Mrs. John Morris and her only child, and Mrs. Morris, the mother of John Morris. Mrs. Jane Biggs, with her three small children, escaped from the settlement, eluded the vigilance of the Indians, and about an hour before daylight on the next morning arrived at the house of her brother, Zebulun Collings, who lived about six miles from the scene of carnage. William Collings, who had passed the age of sixty years, defended his house for the space of three-quarters of an hour against the attack of the Indians. In this defense he was assisted by Capt. John Norris. There were two children in the house. As soon as it began to grow dark Mr. Collings and Capt. Norris escaped with the two children (John Collings and Lydia Collings) from the house, eluded the pursuit of the Indians, and on the morning of the next day reached the house of Zebulun Collings.

After the time of the Pigeon Roost massacre many of the settlers on the northern and western frontiers of Clark, Jefferson, Harrison and Knox counties lived in a state of alarm until the close of the war in 1815. A number of the militia of Clark county immediately after the Pigeon Roost massacre proceeded to the melancholy spot, where they found

several of the mangled bodies of the dead surrounded by the smoking ruins of the houses. These remains of the murdered persons were brought together and buried in one grave. Mr. Zebulun Collings, who lived within six miles of the Pigeon Roost settlement, said: "The manner in which I used to work in those perilous times, was as follows: On all occasions I carried my rifle, tomahawk, and butcher-knife, with a loaded pistol in my belt. When I went to plow I laid my gun on the plowed ground and stuck up a stick by it for a mark, so that I could get it quick in case it was wanted. I had two good dogs. I took one into the house leaving the other out. The one outside was expected to give the alarm, which would cause the one inside to bark, by which I would be awakened, having my arms always loaded. I left my horses in a stable close to the house, having a port-hole, so that I could shoot to the stable door. During two years, I never went from home with any certainty of returning—not knowing the minute I might receive a ball from an unknown hand; but in the midst of all these dangers, that God who never sleeps nor slumbers has kept me."

*Settlement of the County.*—Scott, like most of the counties in southern Indiana, accumulated its population principally from the Southern States. The Pigeon Roost settlement, already referred to, was one of the first made in the county. After the battle of

Tippecanoe, and the removal of the Indians from this section of the State, settlements increased rapidly. Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia sent large delegations who, though from slave-holding States, developed into good citizens and bitter opponents of slavery. These, with a few Irish, Scotch and Germans make up a large proportion of the population of the county. Mingled with it, of course, are a few of the "man and brother." When the first of them came, whether as "contrabands of war" or in an earlier day, is not now known. The first, possibly, came by the "underground railway," or with the early settlers as "free niggers," but not being deemed worthy of consideration before they were entitled to suffrage they existed simply as "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to the Philistines with whom they sojourned. But the time came when "Sambo" was a voter and he at once arose to the level of his citizenship and from obscurity and disregard he has passed into notice and consideration. Candidates have included him among their *friends*, and shook hands with him and "cow-shedded" him, and "stood treat" and cajoled and flattered him, and tried to induce him to vote for them (with new two dollar bills), just the same as they did his white competitors; and to-day, so far as votes count, he is the equal of his white neighbor.

As is common in all newly-settled sections of the country, the pioneers

of Scott county were generally friendly and sociable. It was not uncommon for a man to go four or five miles to help a new-comer raise his cabin and sometimes if he heard of it he went without further notice. Log rollings were common in the timbered sections, and at these neighborly gatherings it was thought no harm to have a little whisky. The phase of society was not perfect in its moral symmetry and the Sabbath was as generally a day of hunting and fishing as of religious worship. This, however, is usually the case in a new country and Scott county was no exception to the rule. But as people came in and settlements increased, schools and churches were established, society improved and the foundation laid for the civilization and refinement which have ever been a distinguishing characteristic of Scott county.

*County Organization.*—Scott county dates back to 1817 as a municipality. The act of the Legislature for its formation passed at that session and its municipal machinery was at once arranged and put in motion. The seat of justice was chosen, public buildings were erected and the county started on the full tide of municipal experiment. How successful that experiment has been its present prosperity is the best proof and assurance.

SCOTTSBURG, the county seat, is situated on the main line of the J. M. & I. railroad, near the center of the county and is a pleasant little city. It

has a population of 700 according to the last census and is a place of considerable business; has a good substantial court house, a comfortable school house, several handsome churches and the usual proportion of lawyers and doctors. The next largest town is Lexington, situated in the eastern part of the county, on the Louisville division of the O. & M. railroad, and by the last census had 500 inhabitants. Austin in the northern part of the county, on the J. M. & I. railroad, is the next largest town in point of population and had 325 by the last census. Vienna in the southern part of the county,—also on the J. M. & I., had 175 inhabitants by the last census. Underwood in the southeastern part, is a place of 100 inhabitants, and Alpha in the extreme northern part, is a small place—merely a depot on the J. M. & I. railroad.

*Railroads.*—Scott county has two railroads. The main line of the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis runs almost through the center of the county from south to north; and the Louisville division of the Ohio & Mississippi passes through the eastern part of the county. There are several stations on these roads within the limits of the county which afford the people the most ample facilities for exporting as well as importing their goods, produce and stock.

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WILLIAM B. EVERITT—Was born February 8th, 1832, and is a son

of William D. and Mary C. (Lewellen) Everitt, the latter descended from one of the first families who settled at Louisville, Ky.; the former was a native of Virginia and removed to Louisville, Ky., soon after the close of the war of 1812 in which he served as a soldier. Subsequently he removed to Scott county where he died at the age of 87 years.

The subject of this sketch was brought up on the farm and educated in the common schools. He was married in 1853 to Matilda E. Esom, whose parents came from Maryland to Kentucky at an early day. They have eight living children and one dead. Six of those living are boys, viz: Thomas H., present Sheriff of Scott county; James C., married and living at Vienna and in the mercantile business; William R., at home; Charles H., Oliver N., and Oessa F. and Martha F., at home with her parents and Bertha Ellen. Mildred A. died in 1876.

Mr. Everitt volunteered in the Federal army in August, 1862, and served until June, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He was enrolled as Second Lieutenant of Co. I, and recruiting officer of the 81st Indiana Volunteers.

**THOMAS H. EVERITT**—Was born in Clark county, Indiana, June 17th, 1857, and was brought up on a farm near Vienna, Scott county. He received a common school education.

Believing in the Scripture charge that "it is not good for man to be alone," he married at the age of eighteen, Miss Mary C. Gray, a native of Scott county and a descendant of one of the old and prominent families of Kentucky. They have had eight children six of whom are living, viz: W. H., aged twelve; Jesse H., nine; Lydia, seven; Ida B., five; Lola A., three; and Elsie B., an infant. Mr. Everitt followed farming and engaged extensively in stock dealing until 1886, when he was elected Sheriff of the county which position he still holds. He is one of the few Republicans who have been elected to office in this county the usual Democratic majority being over 300. He was elected Sheriff by fifty-four majority over Wm. Rice, the nominee of the Democratic party.

Mr. Everitt owns 190 acres of finely improved land; also some valuable property in Scottsburg. He is prominent as a Mason and is a leading member of the Methodist church.

**BARNET K. GLADDEN**—Was born in Green county, Pennsylvania, September 8th, 1830, and is a son of Elijah and Sarah (Whitlatch) Gladden, the former a native of Pennsylvania who emigrated to this county in 1831 and settled on Hog Creek three miles from Lexington where he died in 1850; the latter is a daughter of Barnet Whitlatch, a native of Harford county, Maryland. Great-

grandfather John Kimberlin, from Green county, Pennsylvania came here in 1805 and settled three miles from Lexington where he built the first house in that neighborhood, and as he was the first settler on the little creek it took his name—Kimberlin Creek.

The subject was reared on a farm and has followed farming all his life, but has found time to devote to politics and has filled several civil offices,—was township assessor of Lexington township for seven years, and in 1886 was elected County Auditor on the Democratic ticket which position he now holds. He also served some time as postmaster and was Alternate in the convention that nominated Cleveland and Thurman for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency.

Mr. Gladden was married to Moriah Summerville, a daughter of Joseph Summerville, of Scott county, a native of Licking county, Kentucky, who is still living and is 84 years of age. They have four children living, viz.: Josephine, wife of Arby L. Hardy, of New Hampshire; Sarah C., wife of Cyrus Noaks, of Lexington; Clara, and Dan Voorhees, Deputy Auditor. Harriet M. died in November, 1884, and was the wife of William Blocher.

Mr. Gladden is a prominent Odd Fellow, and has filled the chairs. He represented his Lodge in 1886 in the Grand Lodge.

W. E. GREEN, M. D.—A native of the town of Tupper's Plains, Meigs county, Ohio and was born January 22d, 1851. His father, William Green, was born in Oswego, N. Y., in 1805. He was a farmer in humble circumstances and one of the earliest settlers in Meigs county, Ohio.

W. R. Green's early educational advantages were meagre, attending the common schools in winter and working on the farm during the summer seasons, and so continued until he became twenty-one years of age. He then attended Tupper's Plains Seminary for about two years pursuing an irregular course under Prof. L. C. Crippen, an able instructor of Athens, Ohio.

He began the study of medicine immediately on leaving the Seminary under the tutelage of Dr. Josephus Parsons. He subsequently entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio; on leaving the Institute he returned home and in a short time came to Lexington and began the practice of his profession.

He located at Lexington September 15th, 1876, and has succeeded in building up a splendid practice in Scott and adjoining counties and is regarded as one of the most successful physicians in the county.

He was married to Miss Flora B. Paswater July 20th, 1879. She is a daughter of William and Eliza Paswater. Her father is a highly respected farmer, living at Lexington.

He was born in 1818 and one of the pioneers of Scott county.

Dr. Green was initiated into the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Lexington July 22d, 1879, and was the representative of his Lodge in the Grand Lodge at Indianapolis in 1884.

**COLUMBUS B. HARROD**—Is descended from one of the most prominent families of Kentucky—no less distinguished a man than Col. James Harrod, the founder of Harrodsburg, the oldest town in Kentucky, and for whom it was named.

Wm. Harrod, the grandfather of Columbus, was the first white child born at the Falls of the Ohio, now Louisville, and was a lineal descendant of Col. Harrod, the pioneer. William B. Oard, the maternal grandfather, was an early settler in Scott county, and came from Virginia.

Columbus B., the subject of this sketch, is a son of Wm. G. and Sarah Ann (Oard) Harrod, and was born April 13th, 1849, in Jennings township Scott county. His father lives in Scottsburg, and is a prominent farmer of the county. His grandmother was Elizabeth New, a sister of John B. New, a prominent Christian minister of this State. Being an only son, Columbus received a liberal education. He was brought up on the farm, and received his early training in the common schools of the neighborhood. Afterward he attended the Blue River Academy, a Quaker

institution in Washington county. He read law for a time and then entered the State University at Bloomington. After an irregular literary course, he entered the law department, from which he graduated in March, 1872. He was admitted to the bar at Bloomington the same year, and in 1875 commenced practice at Scottsburg, where he has since resided and followed his profession. He is a prominent Republican politician, and has made several unsuccessful political races, owing to his party being in the minority. He owns a farm of eighty acres of good land in this county. Mr. Harrod was married the 31st of October, 1881, to Miss Lina Brown of Jeffersonville. They have three children. He is a man of fine attainments, a lawyer of more than ordinary brilliance, and a polished gentleman socially.

**HORATIO S. HAZZARD**—Is a native Indianian, and was born in Scott county, February 12th, 1839. He is a son of Albert and Eliza Ellen (Keith) Hazzard, natives of Maryland, and early settlers of that State, the latter a daughter of Horatio Keith, who came to Scott county in an early day. The elder Hazzard was a prominent farmer, and died when his son was still quite young; his wife died shortly after.

Horatio S., the subject of these lines, was reared on the farm and received a common school education.

He followed the profession to which he was brought up until the fall of 1886, when he was elected County Treasurer of Scott county on the Democratic ticket, an office he now holds. He has served four years as Justice of the Peace and two years as Trustee of Vienna township.

He is one of the popular and enterprising men of his neighborhood, as evinced in the public positions he has held. Mr. Hazzard was married in 1859, to Miss Amanda Ellen Clark, born in Scott county, and a daughter of James Clark, a native of Virginia, and who was a prominent farmer here. They have three children: Augusta Alice, Martha E., and James A. Wm. Hazzard owns one hundred and twenty-seven acres of fine land adjoining Scottsburg, which is highly improved. He is a member of the Christian church, of the fraternity of the I. O. O. F. and of the Knights of Honor.

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LEVI R. JONES—Was born in Vienna township in Scott county, Nov. 28th, 1843, and is a son of William and Eliza (Sparks) Jones, the former a native of this State and the latter a daughter of Hector Sparks, an early settler of Kentucky.

He was brought up on a farm and educated in the common schools, and in 1866 was married to Miss Sallie M. Collins, a daughter of William E. and Nancy Collins, natives of Kentucky. They have seven children, two boys and five girls, viz.: Anna E. married

Geo. W. Richey, living in this county; Sarah E., Emma C., M. Jane, Nancy B., Jesse E. and W. Howard. Mr. Jones volunteered in the Federal army in August, 1862, in Company K. Sixty-sixth Indiana Infantry.

He served faithfully until the close of the war, and participated in several battles. He was taken prisoner at Lexington, Ky., and remained a prisoner for two months. He was with Sherman in his march to the sea.

Mr. Jones is a prosperous farmer, owning 233 acres of excellent land, well improved. He does not aspire to office, but is content to move on in quiet and private life. He and family are members of the M. E. church.

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REV. CHARLIE A. MANKER, a prominent divine of the Christian church, was born in Ohio, a State indigenous of great men, near Hillsboro, Highland county, on the 16th of August, 1838. He is a son of Lewis and Sarah (Swadley) Manker, natives of Pennsylvania and belonging to the good old family of Pennsylvania Dutch.

His father was a minister of the Gospel. The subject of our sketch was brought up in the village where he was born, until he was fifteen years old, when he went to Cincinnati and was apprenticed to a carriage manufacturer, in which he remained for five years. He then located at Columbus, Indiana, where he worked at his trade.



In 1867 he came to Scott county and together with his brother-in-law, James W. Allen, engaged in carriage manufacturing at Woostertown, this county (Scott), which he continued for two years, and then abandoned it and engaged in farming.

In 1880 he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court on the Democratic ticket, and in 1884 proved his popularity in the county in his re-election to the same office.

In October, 1870, he was married to Miss Mollie E. Allen, of Scott county, a daughter of Elijah S. Allen, a prominent farmer of the county. They have three children. He has been a minister in the Christian church since 1870, and preached every Sunday. He has charge of the Scottsburg Christian Church, the largest in the county, and through his zeal in the Master's work is constantly increasing in members.

In 1861, Mr. Manker enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth Indiana Infantry, as a private soldier. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, and soon after was discharged on account of physical disability, having been in the service four months.

He is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

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Z. C. MATHES—The subject of this sketch, was born in Owen county, Indiana, May 4th, 1848; removed with his parents to Bloomington, Monroe

county, when ten years of age, and after that removed to Indianapolis, where he remained until he was sixteen years old, then removed to a farm near Bedford, where he followed farming until 1860, when he started to learn the tinner's trade under D. F. Tilford. He staid here until the call of President Lincoln for volunteers, when he enlisted in the 18th Indiana Regiment Volunteers, in Capt. Short's company, and served to the close of the war. He was in all of the battles in which his regiment was engaged. When the war was over, he came home and finished his trade, and was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Hinshaw; the result of this union was six children, viz.: Minnie, James, John, Effie, Arthur and Mary. Minnie died when four years old. After marriage, he engaged in his trade and the hardware business, at Bedford, Newross and Scottsburg, where he now is doing the best business in his line in Scott county.

His father, James M. Mathes, was born in Jefferson county, Ky., July 8th, 1808 (his ancestors were natives of County Amtrim, Ireland); his grandfather served in the revolutionary war as quartermaster. His father was born in Shenandoah Valley, Va. James M. Mathes was one of the pioneer preachers of Indiana. The mother of Z. C. Mathes was Sophia Glover, and was born January 17th, 1800, in Virginia; lived in Mt. Sterling, Ky., and came to Owen county, Indiana, with her parents. She died April 20th, 1873.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Mathes, whose maiden name was Elizabeth J. Hinshaw, was born in Martin county, Indiana, September 26th, 1848, is the wife of Z. C. Mathes, of Scottsburg, Scott county, Indiana. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (White) Hinshaw. Her father was born in North Carolina in the year of 1816. When only ten years of age, he came to Indiana with his widowed mother, and settled for a time in Harrison county, on Blue river, staying there some six years; then he removed to Martin county and settled near Indian Springs, where he made an improvement on government land. He remained for four years, when he removed four miles east of that place, on the east fork of White river, where he settled permanently. Here he entered tract after tract of land until he owned at the time of his death, some 700 acres of land. He died at the age of forty-six.

Her mother was named Elizabeth White, and was born in Kentucky. She died about 1852.

John and Elizabeth Hinshaw had five children, viz.: William H., Arthur D., John A., Mary Ann and Elizabeth Jane, of whom three are living. Mary Ann died when two years old and John A. was killed at the battle of Antietam. John Hinshaw married a second time to Mrs. Sallie A. Dilly by whom he had one son Adrian, who died at the age of seventeen, at Bedford, Indiana.

**RICHARD W. MONTGOMERY**—Was born April 30th, 1838, and is a son of William C. and Isabelle (Reddenbaugh) Montgomery, the former a native of Jefferson county, the latter of Bartholomew county, this State, and a daughter of Philip Reddenbaugh.

William Montgomery, the grandfather of Richard W., came to Pennsylvania from Ireland in an early day. Philip Reddenbaugh, the maternal grandfather of subject, emigrated from Germany about the time of the struggle for independence, and finally removed to Bartholomew county where he lived as a farmer. He once owned the land on which Columbus stands and which is now worth millions.

The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm and received but a common school education. He engaged in the boot and shoe business, following it until 1872, when he was elected treasurer of the county, and served two terms. Previously he had been trustee of Jennings township.

In 1872 he was married to Mary S. Stratton, born March 6th, 1854, and a daughter of James H. Stratton, born and raised in Jefferson county, Indiana, and whose father came from Kentucky. Her mother was Sarah D. Dryden, a native of Jefferson county, and whose mother was born in Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are the parents of five living children, viz: Walter H., born July 1st, 1873; Clyde

S., born August 25th, 1879; Leda B., born February 6th, 1882; Cleona M., born May 19th, 1884; and Ethel F., born October 11th, 1886.

Mr. Montgomery is a prominent man in the county and deservedly popular. He is an active Mason and Odd Fellow, and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He owns three hundred and twelve lots in Indianapolis.

A. NEWT MUNDEN—Is a native of Washington county, Indiana, and was born November 12th, 1855. He is a son of Zachary and Jane (Arbuckle) Munden, natives of the same county, and a grandson of John Munden, a Quaker minister who came from Virginia and settled in Washington county in a very early day; his maternal grandfather, Thomas Arbuckle, was also a Virginian and came to Washington county among its earliest settlers. The subject was reared on the farm and after receiving an academical course, he entered Bloomington University in 1873. Upon reaching the Junior year he left, and in 1884 entered DePauw University at Greencastle, from which he graduated in 1885. He taught school in the interval between his studies at Bloomington and Greencastle. He began the practice of law immediately after leaving college, locating in Scottsburg. He is a partner of Hon. William K. Marshall, of Seymour, and the firm is a strong

one with a large and lucrative practice.

He is and has been prominently connected with some of the leading educational institutions of the country. He was for some time professor in the Southern Illinois Normal and Business Institute. In 1881 he established at Lexington, Indiana, the Normal Collegiate Institute which he made an accomplished success, having as high as one hundred and sixty-three students at a time, and over half the counties in the State represented as well as four or five States. The school is still in a prosperous condition, and runs throughout the year, except the summer months.

Mr. Munden was married in 1876, to Miss Addie Sickells, of Jackson county, Indiana. He ranks high in his profession as a lawyer, and is engaged upon the one side or the other of nearly every prominent case tried in his town.

ALLEN M. PEELER'S — Grandfather emigrated from North Carolina among the first settlers to this State, and settled originally in Washington county. His father, A. M. Peeler, was born in that county, and he was born in Clark county, November 2d, 1842. His mother was Amy Griswold, a daughter of Luman Griswold, a native of New Hampshire, who emigrated to Clark county in an early day and followed

building mills and carpentering. Many of the homes of that day as well as most of the early mills were monuments of his industry and ingenuity.

He accumulated some considerable property and owned some twelve hundred acres of land in Clark county, on Muddy Fork. In March, 1862, Mr. A. M. Peeler married Miss Susan Alsup, whose parents came to Indiana from Virginia when the first named State was still a territory.

They have three children, viz: Hiram D., aged twenty-two; John S., aged twenty-one; and America, aged seventeen. Mrs. Peeler died in 1874 and in 1875 he married Elizabeth Sams, a native of Indiana. Their children are Hosier, aged twelve and Leuman, aged ten. Amy died at the age of one year. Mr. A. M. Peeler located in Scottsburg in 1879 and engaged in the livery business, in which he has been successful.

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**WILLIAM RICE**—Was born in this county July 7th, 1838, and is a son of Giles, born Nov. 9th, 1819, in Scott county and Elizabeth (Cline) Rice. His grandfather was a native of Massachusetts, from whence he removed to New York and there married, subsequently in 1818 removing to Madison, Indiana, and later to Scott county where he resided until his death in 1833. Elizabeth (Cline) Rice was born in Kentucky and married in 1837. Her parents removed to Jennings county, Indiana, in early times and

some years later settled in this county where the remainder of their lives were spent.

William Rice, the subject of this sketch, was married in 1861 to Miss Sarah F. Friedley, a daughter of William and Sarah (Hall) Friedley, the former a native of Kentucky but whose parents were Pennsylvanians, and the latter a native of Virginia. Mr and Mrs. Rice have two children: Sadie born in 1868 and Willie F. born in 1872. Sadie graduated from Moore's Hill College in the summer of 1888. Mr. Rice is a prominent and successful farmer, and owns 300 acres of well improved land. He belongs to the order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Rice made the race for Sheriff of Scott county in 1886 but was defeated. He was elected to that office over Thomas H. Everitt, Republican candidate, by a handsome majority in 1888.

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**GEORGE M. WARMOTH, M. D.**—Was born in Garrard county, Ky., Oct. 27th, 1837, and is a son of James and Margaret (Simpson) Warmoth, natives of Kentucky who emigrated to Indiana and settled in Scott county about the year 1839. He was reared on the farm and when fully grown returned to Kentucky where he remained some time. He took an irregular course at South Hanover College, Indiana, spending about two years at that institution.

He began reading medicine in 1858 with Dr. John F. Warmoth in Dubuque, Iowa.

He attended the Medical College at Keokuk in 1859, and took one course and in 1861 entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati from which he graduated in March 1862.

He was appointed assistant surgeon, shortly after, of the Twenty-fifth Kentucky Infantry, which was consolidated later with the Seventeenth Kentucky. He was then commissioned by Gov. Yates, of Illinois, assistant surgeon of the Forty-first Illinois Volunteers, serving with this regiment until January, 1865, when he was commissioned surgeon of the Fifty-third Illinois with which he served until the close of the war.

Leaving the service he located in Scott county, Ind., and commenced the practice of his profession which he continued until 1867, when he was appointed assistant surgeon in the regular army. He was post surgeon at Fort Cummings, New Mexico, until April 1869, when he resigned and returned home. In 1875 he removed to Madison county, Ky., and in 1885 removed back to Scott county, locating in Scottsburg where he has since practiced his profession.

He was married in 1867 to Miss Mahala E. Rice, of Scott county, Ind. They have one child, George W., about seventeen years of age.

Dr. Warmoth owns the Miller block, one of the finest blocks in Scottsburg.

JOHN M. WATSON, M. D.—Was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, on the 18th of November, 1837. His father, James Watson, was a native of Virginia and moved to Ohio more than a century ago. He came to Indiana in 1840, and settled in Scott county, one and a half miles from Scottsburg. He was a carpenter by trade, and many of the early houses of the county were of his handiwork. He served a number of years as Justice of the Peace, and died in the spring of 1884 at an advanced age. His wife (the mother of subject) was Arabelle Pierson, a native of Hamilton county, Ohio.

Dr. Watson, the subject of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools of the county. After quitting school he commenced to read medicine at Vienna, in Scott county, with Dr. Wm. B. Stage in 1858. He attended the lectures at the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, in 1858-59, and began the practice of his chosen profession at Vienna.

In 1878, he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Indianapolis. He located at Scottsburg in 1876, where he has since resided, and where he enjoys a large practice—the largest by far of any physician in the county, and to which he devotes his whole attention. He was married in 1862 to Miss Sarah E. F. Miller, of Clark county. She bore him one child, and then died; and he

married a second time to Caroline A. Strong in 1865. By her he has six children.

Dr. Watson is a prominent member

of the I. O. O. F. and of the Knights of Honor, and a leading and deservedly popular man in the community where he lives.



# WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(By JOHN M. GRESHAM.)

WASHINGTON COUNTY lies in the southern part of the State of Indiana, and is of rather a rough and broken surface. It is bounded on the north by Jackson county, from which it is separated by the Muscatatuck river; on the east by Scott and Clark counties, on the south by Harrison and Crawford counties and on the west by Orange and Lawrence. It has about 510 square miles and by the census of 1880 it had a population of 18,955. Like the adjoining counties its surface partakes of timber land and "barrens" and is underlaid with the cavernous limestone. The barrens comprise nearly an eighth of the entire area of the county. They were originally thickly matted with wild grass and a kind of stunted shrub. The timber comprised the different kinds of oak, white and black walnut, ash, hickory, beech, elm, dogwood, maple, chestnut, sycamore, poplar, gum, wild cherry, sassafras, etc., etc. In its primitive state the county

possessed some as fine walnut, cherry and poplar timber as this section of the county can produce. It is stated that in 1878 a poplar tree was cut on the land of William Brewer, south of Salem, that was eight feet in diameter across the stump and made six sawlogs each twelve feet long; that it took fourteen horses to haul the first cut to the mill where it was sawed and that the entire tree made 12,000 feet of lumber. The bottom lands are rich and produce well; the uplands are rolling and the different cereals grow on them profusely. These lands are also well adapted to fruits. The county as a whole is one of the finest stock-raising counties in the State, the large number of running streams of pure water adding much to its adaptability in this branch of industry. Its drainage is through the Muscatatuck and Blue rivers and Buffalo, Elk, Rush, Twin, Clifty and Bear Creeks. In addition to these there are a number of smaller streams fed by

springs, which flow in every direction and afford the best of drainage.

*Settlement.*—White people visited Washington county as early as 1800, but no permanent settlement was made until about 1807. This settlement was made by a German named George Brock, who came from Virginia and settled in what is now Washington township. He was a hunter and followed hunting and trapping for a livelihood. After spending a season here thus engaged he returned for his family and the next year (1808) brought them out; his son, George Brock, Jr., and two sons-in-law, Adam Barnett and Frederick Neidiffer accompanying him. Another early settler was Jesse Spurgeon, who came about the time of Brock. Judge Goodlove Kemp settled north of Salem in 1808 and in 1809 Henry Dewalt, Roger Thompson, William Gordon, Andrew Pitts, William Netherton and Benjamin Brewer. The last named gentleman entered the land upon which Salem is located. After the year 1809 the settlement of the county spread rapidly. Among those who came in after that time were William Wright, James Davis, Andrew Little, Isaac Miller, Jacob Miller, John Niediffer, Henry Carter, James Young, Martin Putoff, Caleb Trueblood and Thomas Hodges. The following settlers lo-

cated between 1812 and 1815: William Grace, C. W. Jones, Josiah Spurgeon, Isaac Overshiner, Samuel Denny, William Spurgeon, Adam Cauble, Peter Zink, Jonathan Lyon, Matthew Coffin, Lewis Woody, Nathan, James and Abel Trueblood, Zachary Nixon, Lewis Crow, Mr. Hensley, William Pitts, Thomas Pitts, Alexander Little, Arthur Parr and John Fleenor.

The first settlement in Posey township antedated the first permanent settlement in Washington township. Thomas Polston came here as early, it is said, as 1805. Martin Royle, with his sons, John, William, and Martin, came the next year. Chas. Bailey and Elijah Harriman settled in 1808, and John Butler and Benjamin King a little later. James McGrew located on the creek, about 1811-12, and John Chenoweth in the same neighborhood about 1815. A number of other families moved in soon after and the neighborhood rapidly settled up. Other portions of the county were also settled, and soon quite a population was scattered over it, and the people began to look forward to the organization of a county of their own.

*County organized.*—Washington county enjoys the distinction of having its birth during the war of 1812. The following is the act creating it:



AN ACT FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW COUNTY OUT OF THE COUNTIES OF HARRISON AND CLARK :

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the seventeenth day of January, eighteen hundred and fourteen, all that part of the counties of Harrison and Clark included within the following bounds, to-wit: "Beginning at Freeman's corner, on the meridian line; thence southwardly with said line to the intersection of an east and west line running through the center of township I south; thence with the same eastwardly to the summit of the Silver Creek knobs; thence north-eastwardly with the extreme height of the same, between the waters of Silver Creek and the Blue river to the line dividing ranges VI and VII east; thence with said range line northwardly to the Indian boundary; thence with said boundary to the place of beginning—shall compose one new county called and known by the name of Washington.

SECTION 2.—*And be it further enacted,* That the county of Washington shall enjoy all the rights and privileges appertaining to the counties heretofore established in the Indiana territory; and it shall be lawful for

the Coroners, Sheriffs, Constables and Collectors of said counties of Harrison and Clark to make distress for all taxes, levies and officers' fees remaining unpaid by the inhabitants within the bounds of said new county at the time such division shall take place, and they shall be accountable for the same in like manner as if this act had never been passed; and the courts of Harrison and Clark counties shall have jurisdiction in all suits, pleas, complaints and proceedings which may before the aforesaid 17th of January next, have been commenced, instituted and pending within the present counties of Harrison and Clark; shall be prosecuted to final judgment and effect, issue process and award execution thereon.

SECTION 3.—*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That Joseph Paddox, Peter McIntosh and Ignatius Abel, of Harrison county, Marston G. Clark, and Joseph Bartholomew, of Clark county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to designate the place for the permanent seat of justice for Washington county, agreeable to an act entitled, "An act for the fixing of the seats of justice in all new counties hereafter to be laid off." The commissioners above named, or others appointed by the proper court, shall

convene at the house of William Lindlay on the Blue river, on the 17th day of January next, and then proceed to discharge the duties assigned them by law.

SECTION 4.—*And be it further enacted*, that the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the new county aforesaid, shall within six months after the permanent seat of justice be established, proceed to erect the necessary public buildings thereon.

SECTION 5.—*And be it further enacted*, That until suitable accommodations can be had (in the opinion of said court) at the seat of justice of said new county, all courts of justice for the same shall be holden at the house of William Lindlay. This act to be in force and take effect from and after the 17th day of January, A. D. 1814.

JAMES NOBLE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JAMES BEGGS,  
*President of the Legislative Council.*

Approved December 21st, 1813.

THOS. POSEY.

The commissioners named in the above act met at the house of William Lindlay, as provided in the act, February, 1814, and after investigating and discussing the merits of the different locations bidding for the seat

of justice, finally purchased 174 acres of Benjamin Brewer, where the town of Salem now stands, and thus the capital of the county was located. Isaac Blackford was appointed clerk and recorder of the new county, and was commissioned January 7th, 1814, by the Governor, and power delegated to him to swear into office and qualify all the civil and military officials of the county. Thus the municipal machinery was set in motion, and the county started on in its career of successful experiment.

#### TOWNSHIPS.

The first County Board—Judges Jonathan Findlay, Moses Hoggett, and Simeon Lamb—met at the house of William Lindlay, on the 2d of February, 1814, for the transaction of county business. Their first official act was to appoint John DePauw County Agent on a bond of \$5,000. After some miscellaneous business, they divided the county into townships as follows:

MADISON TOWNSHIP. Beginning at where the line between the first and second townships north, crosses the meridian line; thence east into the second and third range lines; thence south to the Harrison county line; thence west to the corner of said county; thence to the beginning.

**LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP.** Beginning at the same place; thence east to the line between the second and third ranges; thence north to the boundary of the county.

**BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP.** Beginning at the second and third range on the south line of this county; thence north on said line to the north line of the second township north; thence east with said line to the Clark county line.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.** Beginning at the northeast corner of Blue River township; thence north along the Clark county line to the main branch of the Muscatatuck river; thence down the same to White river; thence down the same to Lost River township.

**DRIFTWOOD TOWNSHIP.** Beginning where Washington township strikes the main branch of the Muscatatuck; thence with the Clark county line to the bounds of this county; thence with said bounds to the beginning.

*The Courts.*—The first Court of Record, or Circuit Court, as it was called, convened on the 2d day of February, 1814, at the house of William Lindlay. It was held by Jonathan Lindlay, Moses Hoggett and Simeon Lamb, who bore the title of Judges, but neither of whom was a member of the legal profession. What was better perhaps, they were practi-

cal men of sound, common sense. They ordered the sale of town lots to be advertised in the newspapers; selected the name Salem, for the seat of justice, together with a few other minor acts, and adjourned *sine die*. Another session was held March 3d, by Judges Hoggett and Lamb. April 11th, another term of the "Circuit Court" was held by Judges Lindlay and Lamb. At this term the first grand-jury was impaneled, as follows: George Beck, foreman; Christopher Marrs, Amos Thornberg, Edmund Hensley, Goodlove Kemp, Andrew Housh, Jesse Spurgeon, David Denny, Samuel Lindley, Alexander Little, Joseph Latta, David Colglazier, James Young, William Kennedy, Jesse Durham, John McPheeters, Thomas Denny and Amos Wright. The jury returned two indictments, viz.: Susan Deem for forgery and John Ramsey for assault and battery. John F. Ross at this term of court was appointed Prosecuting Attorney, and Henry Hurst, Davis Floyd, Alex. Dunn and George F. Pope were sworn as attorneys. Thus were the courts of the new county organized, and the legal machinery regularly set in motion.

*Court Houses.*—The first court house of Washington county is thus described by a recent writer: "The public buildings in Salem, in 1820

were strange looking structures. The old court house, called 'The Stilted Castle of Justice and Equity,' stood upon arches built of brick, rising above the ground to a height of a twelve or fifteen-foot story, leaving the whole space on the ground floor open, to be used for a market-place. But in this its ancient architects did not calculate well, for the cows, pigs, geese and every other stray animal took undisputed possession. Fleas, lice and other vermin and filth soon rendered it unfit for a market-place and until its removal the animals occupied the fort. The structure above and resting upon the arches was one story and finished off for public offices. The approaches to this floor at the north and south entrances were composed of hewn logs rising from the ground to the main doors on the second floor, thus forming a stairway. This strange, old building was torn down in 1827 and the erection of a better court house commenced, which was completed in 1829. Before its completion, and when the frame work of the cupola was up, a Jackson meeting was held in town, January 8th, 1829. Old Amos Coombs was a red-hot Jackson man. He climbed up one of the corner posts of the cupola, stood upright upon the beam and shouted only as he could shout: 'Hur-

rah for Gen. Jackson in the highest degree of honor and promotion.' He then descended as quietly as he ascended. \* \* \* \*

\* \* \* \* The first jail was built of hewn logs, one story high, and was torn down a few years ago, after having rendered valuable service as a jail, store-room and stable. The second jail, which is now used as a residence, was commenced in 1844 and completed in December, 1845, and cost \$3,456.00. The old stray pen was north of the first jail. Here all quarrels and difficulties were settled. It was enclosed with a high board fence, the boards set upright and close together, so that persons from the outside could not see the show in the pen. Cock-fights and dog-fights often amused the intelligent citizens in this old pen, while it was a general play-ground for the boys and girls and a courting spot for lovers."

SALEM. The town of Salem was laid out in 1814. Gen. John DePauw, as agent of the town laid out, advertised and sold the lots. The correctness of the plat will not be questioned, when the manner and mode of laying out the town is known; the ground was measured with a grape-vine. On the 14th day of April, the work was finished and the plat filed for record. The first house on the site of Salem

was built by Simeon Lamb, already mentioned as one of the judges of the courts. The house was as unique as its surroundings. It was of long poles set up endwise on the ground, and was erected on lot No. 83 of the original plat. Other houses followed in rapid succession. The first brick house was built on lot 11 by Judge Harrison; the next was built on lot 80 by Col. Jonathan Lyon. At the close of the year 1814, there were probably 400 people in the town of Salem. They came from Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and a few from the New England states.

The first mercantile experiment was made by Lamb & Mendenhall, and their store was of the primitive kind. They were followed in regular order by Gen. John DePauw, Col. Jonathan Lyon, Christopher Harrison, S. & Z. Leavensworth, Newcomb & Crane, Hess & Grayson, Booth, Jarvis & Newby, Coffin and Holland, James Wiley, Samuel White, M. Riley and Nathan Kimball. An early firm of Salem was that of Malott & McPheeters. They were enterprising and energetic men, and did a large mercantile business for years. One source of their popularity was they took in exchange for goods everything in the way of farm produce that the people had to

sell. There were no railroads then, and no market but Louisville, and as a consequence they soon got into flat-boating their surplus produce to New Orleans, from whence they brought back sugar, coffee and molasses.

Among the early mechanics were D. T. Weir, John Mills, Henry Young, Samuel Peck, John G. Henderson, William Phelps, Frank Huston, Alexander Hinkle, Elias Albertson, Thomas White, Samuel Wilkerson, Edmund Vernilya, Roger Martin, etc. The first tavern-keeper, Allen McAllister, followed by Lyon & Malott and Parker & Hardy. The license tax then was \$15.00 per year for a tavern, and the County Board regulated the prices to be charged. The early prices were breakfast, dinner and supper, 25 cents each; whiskey,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per one-half pint; apple and peach brandy,  $18\frac{3}{4}$  cents per one half-pint; rum, French brandy and wine,  $37\frac{1}{2}$  cents for one-half pint; cider and beer,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per one-half quart; porter, per bottle or quart,  $37\frac{1}{2}$  cents; lodging, per night,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents; oats or corn,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per one-half gallon; horse to hay, per night, 25 cents, etc.

INCORPORATION.—The State Legislature passed an Act in 1826, authorizing the voters of the town to meet at the court house on the first Monday in March (1826), and proceed to elect by

ballot seven trustees, to be known as a "Board of Trustees," whose office should expire on the first Monday in March, 1827. From some cause the provisions of this act was not complied with until 1831. On the 18th of January of that year, an election was held at the court house, "to decide whether they will be incorporated or not." The vote was unanimously in favor of incorporation and on the 24th of January, an election was held at which Foster Nixon, Micajah Newby, John G. Henderson, William Baird and Gustavus Clark were elected trustees to serve one year. In March, 1849, the town was re-incorporated and the following trustees elected: George Atkisson, James J. Brice, James P. Banta, Elijah Newland and Harvey L. Aston. Another election was held in 1853 for a third incorporation but there are no records extant of it. In June, 1868, still another petition was presented for incorporation and on the 15th of the same month. At that time there were 278 voters in the town and a population of 1,177. On the 13th of July following, an election for trustees was held, resulting as follows: First ward—Edwin Telle, Sr.; Second ward—George Harris—Third ward—William W. Weir; Fourth ward—John Manly; Fifth ward—Henry Streaker. At the same elec-

tion, A. J. Parker was elected Treasurer; R. L. Mitchell, assessor; E. W. Menaugh, Clerk; Charles G. Chapman, Marshal.

SALEM is a handsome town, with a number of fine residences for a town of its size, and good substantial business houses. Its business men are wide-awake and go-ahead, and are enterprising and prosperous. In 1880 it had a population of 1,815. Its public buildings are good, its churches elegant, a school-house of which the people of town and county are proud, and an intelligent and enterprising population.

The court house is a model of beauty. It is 73 x 90 feet, stone,—ashler face finish—built at a cost of \$60,000. It was constructed in 1887 and 1888 and designed by McDonald Bros., of Louisville, Ky. It is one of the most attractive buildings in the State and the arrangement of the interior seems to be perfect. The house is in the center of the public square and will be heated by natural gas adjusted in a steam heater.

CAMPBELLSBURG is the next largest town in the county to Salem. It is situated in the western part of the county on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago railroad. August 31st, 1849, it was platted by John I.

THE PRESENT COUNTY OFFICERS

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WASHINGTON COUNTY.

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W. S. PERSISE,	.	.	TREASURER.
WM. C. McCOSKEY,	.	.	SURVEYOR.
JAMES KENDALL,	.	.	CORONER.

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COMMISSIONERS:

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WM. T. MONTGOMERY,           MICHAEL DENENY,  
PETER MORRIS.

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THE ATTORNEYS:

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SAM. H. MITCHELL,	ROBT. B. MITCHELL,
JAMES MASTERSON,	HARVEY MORRIS,
SAM. B. VOYLES,	WM. H. PAYNTER.

Morrison, who named it Buena Vista after the Mexican village of that name, near which the severest battle of the Mexican war was fought, and which war was but recently closed. After the building of the railroad the name was changed to Campbellsburg, for Robert Campbell, who made an addition to it in 1851. The railroad station and the post office are named Campbellsburg, but the town is frequently called by its old name of Buena Vista. A number of additions have been made to the town by different parties at different times. One of the most important was made by James H. McKinney in April, 1865, and was considerably larger than the original plat. In September, 1875, a vote was taken to incorporate the town, which resulted in a large majority in favor of incorporation. January 4th, 1876, an election was held for trustees, and the following gentlemen were elected: Christian Prow, Jacob Grimes and Samuel F. Martin, trustees; Rufus Mather, clerk; James W. Hubbard, treasurer; and Joseph L. Holmes, assessor. The town has a good business, comprising the different branches of the mercantile trade, mechanics, milling, etc.

CANTON, situated a little north of north of east of Salem, is a decaying village of a once prosperous business.

It was laid out in 1838 by Eli Overman, and the original plat embraced thirty-five lots, and some time afterward he laid off 106 lots additional. Another addition was made by Charles Albertson in March, 1850. Before a town was regularly laid off, the settlement was frequently called Greensburg, on account of many people of that name living in the vicinity. The nickname of "Egg Harbor" was sometimes applied to it on account of the large quantity of that "fruit" sold there. The first merchants of the place were Trueblood & Harned. Other and later merchants were Dr. Benj. Albertson, who was also the first physician, and Charles Pool, Parr & Tallock, John Wilson, Samuel Slade, Reuben Wilson and Charles Ovington. The place had the usual number and character of shops, mills, etc. A couple of tanneries were among the industries of Canton at one time. The town, from having once been a prosperous and business village has been gradually retrograding for some years. Villages have sprung up on the railroad, which, with better facilities for trade have in a measure destroyed that of other less favored places.

MARTINSBURG is situated in the extreme southeastern part of the county, and was laid off by Dr. Abner



Martin and the plat recorded September 18th, 1818. The founder of the town was a physician, the first of the place, and a good one. The first merchant of Martinsburg was Emanuel Block, who opened a store in the latter part of 1818 in a small and unpretentious log cabin. Lewis Garrett was the next merchant, followed later by Mr. Nuby. A German named George Alexander Hauz, opened one of the largest stores of the town in 1825. He was one of those characters — good-natured fellows whom everybody loves to pick at, and many good stories are told of him. Although a strict church member, he sometimes allowed old Satan to get the better of him and at such times he would occasionally use language scarcely in conformity with the Ten Commandments. Among the other pioneer merchants were Jacob Bixler, Washington Stevet, Thomas Davis, Martin Foster, Lane & Martin, Brewer & Cravens, etc. A linseed oil mill was built by Jacob Bixler in 1835; a tanyard was started at the same time by Michael Lemon. Martinsburg at one time bid fair to become a large and thriving place, but from some cause, probably the railroad missing it, its greatness was nipped in the bud and it still remains a small place; by the census of 1880, having but 126 inhabitants.

LIVONIA is another old town, the date of its plat being February 25th, 1819. It was laid off by James and David McKinney, and is situated in the western part of the county a little south of west of Salem. A store was opened here in 1815 by James McKinney, and several other houses built before the place was laid off as a town. The first house built after the town was laid off was by John Scott who kept a tavern in it. He also opened a store some time later. Other merchants were McPharen & Young, John B. Shuger, John Wright, Andrew Orchard, Geo. McPheeters, Frazier & McPheeters, Asa McKinney and others. Livonia has had several mills during its existence, from the primitive "tread mill" to the first-class steam mill; also a cotton mill and a woolen mill were among its industries, as well as a hat shop and a tanyard. Livonia will never be a large place, owing to the fact that it is away from the railroad; having in 1880 but 211 inhabitants.

HARDINSBURG is a small village of 133 inhabitants, and is situated in the extreme southwestern part of the county. It was laid off in 1838 by Aaron Hardin who bestowed his own name upon it. March 24th, 1849, under an election for that purpose, a majority voted in favor of incorpor-

ating the town and the following trustees were elected: A. H. Cheever, James Alexander and James C. Boyden, who were President, Clerk and Treasurer in the order named. Mr. Harlin, the proprietor of the town, was its first merchant and was in the business before the town was laid off. A few years later James McIntosh embarked in the business. These were followed by James King, Wesley Polson, Michael Swartz, James Kirkwood, Isaac Wellman, W. J. Lapping, etc., etc. In 1883 the town showed its good sense by starting a newspaper called the *Enterprise*, or rather by encouraging a Mr. Chas. E. Bullington to start one. A town is bound to be prosperous that has a newspaper to tell the world of its business advantages and its commercial prosperity. Although a small town, Hardinsburg has a good business and a pushing and enterprising population. Its great drawback is the lack of a railroad.

FREDERICKSBURG is situated on the banks of the Blue river, near the southern line of the county. It is one of the very old towns of the county—being laid out in 1815 by Frederick Royse for whom it was named. The town was formerly located on the opposite side of the river, but on account of frequent overflows it was moved to its present location.

Among the early merchants were Bradley & Skinner, Theodore Catlin, James McClung, John T. Ferguson and others. McClung put up the first brick building in the town, and was also the first postmaster. Jacob Harris established a tannery in the early history of the town, and did an extensive business in that line. The town suffered so much from repeated overflows that it was finally decided to move it, so John Horner, Esq., laid off a town on the south side of the river, on New Albany and Vincennes turnpike road. The new town was first called Bridgeport, from a bridge across the river at the place where the town was located, but finally the name of the old town was bestowed on it, and it is now so called. Jacob Horner was the first postmaster of the new town, and among the early merchants were John and William Horner, Alexander McPheeters, James Gasaway, Simon P. Gresham, etc., etc. A vote was taken March 26th, 1859, and it was decided by a large majority to incorporate the town. The first Board of Trustees was A. C. Hugrus, P. G. Senseney, and W. K. Andrews; Dr. W. A. Bowles, Clerk and Treasurer, and John H. Warren, Marshal. A newspaper was established in Fredericksburg, in March, 1879, called the *News*. Allen Smith was the proprie-

tor. It changed hands a time or two, died for a while, was resurrected in October, 1883, by Charles E. Allen, and the next year he sold it to W. A. Kimberlin, who made a live wide-awake paper of it.

LITTLE YORK is situated in the northeastern part of the county, and derived its name from the fact that most of the settlers of the neighborhood were from New York. It was laid off by George Davis, August 3d, 1831, and the original plat comprised thirteen lots. To this eleven lots were added in June, 1849, by Alanson Langdon, five more in May, 1852, by Hezekiah Thomas, twenty-one in February, 1854, by Joseph M. Scifers, and another made in December, 1809, of thirty-four lots by Hezekiah Thomas. The first house was built in the town by Michael Richards. The first store was opened by Asa Glover in 1832. The accounts given of this pioneer store would imply that it was not a very extensive establishment. His stock, it is alleged, was worth not exceeding sixty-five dollars. The next store was opened by Hezekiah Thomas, and he was followed by Robbins, David Mitchell, William Wilson, Henry Childs, and a number of others whose names cannot be recalled. Darling Jones opened the first tavern in 1836. It was liberally patronized,

from the fact that it was on the direct route from New Albany and Louisville to Indianapolis. A mill was built in 1859. Hezekiah Thomas and D. J. Meadows built a steam saw mill.

SALTILLOVILLE was laid out in 1849 by Madison Bowles, and named Saltillo for a town in Mexico that had considerable prominence during the Mexican war, but in order to get a post office the name was changed to Saltilloville. It comprises a total of 137 lots, and is on the railroad northwest of Salem, near the western line of the county. Madison Bowles, the proprietor, was the first merchant, followed by William Knox, George A. Rosenbaum, William Galahan, John Rosenbaum, etc. S. D. Bayless was the first blacksmith; Wright Stacy built an old-fashioned saw-mill and Hiram Matthew a grist mill. George A. Rosenbaum was the first postmaster. The town is small and does the usual business of small railroad stations.

PEKIN is a small place on the railroad southeast of Salem. The original town was laid on the Mutton Fork of the Blue river. It was laid out in November, 1831, but was not surveyed until 1837. The plat originally contained 137 lots. Among the early merchants were Gabriel Peavler, James F. Persise, D. W. Bierly, George M.

Johnson, etc. J. F. Persise kept the first tavern. When the railroad was built a station was made across the river from the old town and as the new place increased the old one decreased in importance, until nothing was left but a few "disjointed stones" and tumble-down cabins. By an act of the County Commissioners the old town, in 1854, was declared vacant. Somewhere about 1852, C. D. Green built a large brick house at the railroad station in which, in addition to using as a depot and post office, he opened a general store and for some time did the largest business ever transacted in the county. This magnificent building was burned in 1867 and upon the spot a large frame building has been erected.

NEW PHILADELPHIA was surveyed and platted in 1837 by John I. Morrison for William Hamilton, proprietor of the land on which it is located. It is in the eastern part of the county and was originally called Philadelphia. The plat contained forty-eight lots and to this, in 1837, Richard Lockwood added nine more. The first store was started by B. F. Huston, the next by William Thompson and the next by Benjamin Lockwood. An early business enterprise of the place was a hat factory carried on by Thomas Menaugh. New Philadelphia is a temperate town,

as the following incident will show: A man named Sisson opened a saloon in an early day and one "auspicious night the doors of his shop were banged down, the heads of kegs and barrels bursted and the liquor therein poured into the streets by certain citizens of the town." In the eyes of the law this was perhaps a rank violation of its fundamental principles, but notice was taken of it, and Sisson concluding it was not a healthy climate in which to carry on the liquor traffic made no effort to reopen his establishment, a rule that has been since observed by men of his guild.

SOUTH BOSTON is a small hamlet situated on the middle fork of Blue river and has never been surveyed and laid out as a town. Bravilian Wood opened a small store here more than half a century ago which caused a few other families to settle around, and finally the name "South Boston" was applied to the settlement. Other merchants have been Samuel McClanahan, Henry M. Wilson, William Farabee, Robert Cooper, Samuel E. Nelson, etc. A store, post office, a few shops and a lodge of Odd Fellows, comprises the town at present.

Other villages, all of which are very small places, are Mount Carmel, Harriestown, Hitchcock, Claysville, Smedley, Farabee, Beck's Mills, Organ

Springs, Halo, Fayetteville, Blue River, Chestnut Hill, Gooseport, Delaney Creek, Millport, Kossuth, Rush Creek Valley, etc. Some of these are but post offices and some are small railroad stations. None of them are places of much importance either commercially or otherwise.

*War History.*—Washington county during the late civil war, like most of the loyal State of Indiana, did its part nobly and sent its quota of men to the field promptly and freely. It is true, public opinion as to the merits of the war, and the way the Government should act toward the South, was divided, owing to the fact that many of the emigrants to the county were from the Southern States. The following quotations from the county press will give an idea of the tone of public sentiment here in 1861: "We are clearly of the opinion that a judicious firmness on the part of the Chief Executive at the outbreak of this disunion movement at the South would have done more towards quelling it than all the compromises, concessions or patriotic appeals that have been or can be made by our wisest statesmen. \* \* \* He (the President) gave them an inch and they have taken a span. They have not been in the least checked in their traitorous movements, but have gained

strength from the beginning. They see clearly that they are likely to meet with no resistance from the Federal power, and they are doubly bold in executing damning plans of disunion. It would be useless for us to attempt to express our opinion in regard to the cowardly course of the President—we fail to find words severe enough in the English language and, therefore, cannot do the subject justice. Poor old wretch—what can he promise himself while he is permitted to live on earth and when he knows in a few years at most he must go down to the grave 'unwept, unhonored and unsung.'"—*Times*. "When Abe Lincoln and his abolition hordes or Republican allies undertake to compel our Southern brethren to surrender their rights and liberties, to compel them by fire and sword and at the cannon's mouth and bayonet's point, to give up their rights, then we become a private in the Southern army, and do by them as Lafayette by our fathers."—*Democrat*. These two quotations show the two extremes, and between these two were represented every shade of sentiment. The fall of Fort Sumter created the greatest excitement in the county, and a company was at once raised to go down and chastise Beauregard and "Southern Hessians." Upon

more mature deliberation, however, this summary manner of proceeding was reconsidered and the services of the company tendered the Governor. In the original call for 75,000 men, Indiana was required to furnish six regiments, (about 6,000 men), which requisition was soon filled.

The first company from this county, was the one already alluded to, commanded by Capt. Sayles, and which, on the 19th of June, 1861, was mustered into the United States service as Company G, of the Thirteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, J. C. Sullivan, Colonel. On the 27th of July, 1861, another company was raised in the county, of which DeWitt C. Thomas was Captain, and James T. Howell and T. F. Morrison, Lieutenants. It became Company G, of the Eighteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Thomas Pattison, Colonel. A third company was raised in the county, of which John B. Glover was Captain, and Stephen C. Atkinson and James H. Low were Lieutenants. It became Company D, of the Thirty-Eighth Infantry, and was mustered into the United States service September 18th, 1861. Another company, of which about two-thirds were from this county, was raised during September of this year, and became Company C, of the Fiftieth Regiment.

Its Captain was H. N. Atkisson, and Lieutenants, Joseph L. Marsh and Delos Heffren. Under the President's call for 300,000 men in July, 1862, another company was raised in this county, commanded by Capt. J. H. Redfield, and was mustered into the reorganized Sixteenth Regiment, of which it was Company B; Redfield, Captain, and Cyrus Raybill and John N. Thompson, Lieutenants. In August a company was filled, of which Jasper N. Rodman was Captain, and Samuel P. Reid and William H. Peters were Lieutenants. It became Company B, of the Sixty-sixth Regiment. Another company recruited in the vicinity of Saltillo, commanded by Capt. John F. Baird, and Chas. H. Cornwell and Archibald Baxter, Lieutenants, was Company A, of Sixty-sixth Regiment; Company F, of the Sixty-sixth, was raised around Little York; Alfred Morris was its Captain, and Chester P. Davis and George R. Davis its Lieutenants. Company H, of the Sixty-sixth was mostly recruited about Fredericksburg; its commissioned officers were James D. McPheeters, Captain, and Wm. N. Bringle and David Simpson, Lieutenants. Company K, of this Regiment, also received a number of men from this county. A company of cavalry was raised in the county,

in August, 1862, which became Company E, of the Fifth Cavalry, and was officered as follows: James P. Banta, Captain; William H. Ward, First Lieutenant, and William M. Coffin, Second Lieutenant.

Notwithstanding the patriotism manifested by the people of the county and the number of troops enlisted, they could not escape a draft which occurred Oct. 6th, 1862. It was, however, for only sixteen men which filled the county's quota under all the calls so far made, and now the people settled down to quiet, watching patiently the development of events.

*Morgan's Raid.*—The most important, perhaps, and certainly the most exciting event of 1863 was the raid of the Confederate Gen. Morgan through Indiana and Ohio, resulting finally in his capture and most of his army at Buffington Island. On the 10th of July (1863) his army marched into Salem and took possession. Contributions were levied upon the business men and leading citizens; horses were taken at pleasure, stores raided, etc., etc. The loss to the people of the town and surrounding country was about \$15,000, exclusive of horses, and it was estimated that 500 horses were taken from the county. They entered the town of Salem about nine o'clock and remained until three in the after-

noon, when they left, passing through the towns of Canton and New Philadelphia.

Under the call for troops in October, 1863, the county's quota was 207. Recruiting now became lively and the requisition was finally filled without a draft. The new recruits went to the Sixty-sixth, the Thirteenth and other regiments that had already drawn men from the county. There was much opposition, however, to the war and a strong element in the county opposed its prosecution. Many leading citizens were arrested for "disloyalty" and sent to the military prison at Indianapolis, where they were tried and some convicted and others acquitted. Another call for 500,000 troops was made in 1864, which took a heavy draft to fill up. December 9th, 1864, the last call of the war was made which was for 300,000 men. Every effort was made to fill it without a draft, and a bounty of \$325 was offered to each recruit. Enlistments went on and fast as made the men were sent to the field. A large number went to different companies of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth regiment. But the war was nearing a close, and in the early spring of 1865 all efforts to enlist men in the county were abandoned. It is estimated that Washington county, during the war, furnished

2,804 men and \$170,000 in bounty.

The religious history of the county, and also its educational history, are of interest and rank favorably with any county of southern Indiana. An extended sketch of these items of county history cannot be given in this article further than to say that the educational facilities of the county are adequate to the demand of the people, and the interest manifested in matters pertaining to education is the best guarantee of the intelligence and civilization of the county. And the churches to be seen in every town and hamlet, and dotted over the country, is the best proof of the moral and religious standing of the community. Among the religious denominations represented in the county are the Christians, with a larger membership perhaps than any other denomination, the Friends or Quakers, Regular Baptists, Presbyterians, Covenanters, Lutherans, United Brethren, Methodists and Roman Catholics. The educational institutions of Washington county at the present time are mostly the public schools. In earlier years, however, there were many private and select schools, some of them of a very high order. But the finely perfected system of the public schools has superseded most of the private or select schools.

#### JUDGE THOMAS L. COLLINS

—Was born in New Albany, Ind., June 24th, 1833, and is a son of James and Angelina (Loraine) Collins—the latter was a native of Petersburg, Va., when she was married to Mr. Collins. They afterwards emigrated West and settled in Indiana. The former, James Collins, was also born in Virginia, came to this State about 1816, and settled in Charlestown where he engaged in farming. He was a man of considerable local prominence. He represented Floyd county two terms in the Legislature, beginning in 1836, and State Senator from that District in 1840. His father, James Collins, came from Virginia in 1816.

Judge Collins was educated in private schools in New Albany and at Greencastle, Ind. He began studying law, and was admitted to the bar of New Albany in 1855, practiced in that city until 1860, then removed to Paoli, Ind., remaining there until 1866, and then moved to this place. He was elected Circuit Judge in 1877, and has held the office ever since, being last elected in 1888. He married in 1856.

Judge Collins is a man of sterling integrity, strong individuality; and, as a judge he ranks among the foremost judges of the State.



**JOHN M. GRESHAM**—A son of Simon P. and Marguerite Cynthia Gresham, (*nee* Wilson), Kentuckian and Indianian by birth respectively. His father was one of the early merchants of Fredericksburg, Washington county, Ind., where he, John M., was born June 7th, 1860. In 1888 he published the eighth edition of Perrin's Kentucky History for the city of Louisville. His latest edition is the "Souvenir," 1889.

His mother, a widow, and two sisters, Ida Belle and Cora May, reside at Salem, Ind.

**ASA ELLIOTT**—Was born in this (Washington county) in 1852, and is a son of Asa and Mary (Maudlin) Elliott, also natives of the county. The father of the former, Henry Elliott, was a native of Russell county, Va., came to this State in 1815, settling in this (Washington) county, where he engaged in farming. His wife, Lutisha Reese, was from Tennessee. The maternal grandfather of the subject, Nathan Maudlin, was from North Carolina, came to Indiana in 1814, and settled in this county. He was a farmer, and for many years before his death served as a justice of the peace.

His wife was Rachel Brown, of Randolph county, N. C.

Asa Elliott, the subject, was educated in the common schools of the county, and at Prof. May's select school of Salem. After quitting school he taught for eight years and in 1877 began to read law during his vacation from school work. After proper reading he took a course at Central Law School of Indiana, at Indianapolis, and was admitted to the bar in 1879, the year before he came to Salem and commenced practicing, which he continued until 1882 when he took a post graduate course at the same school and read in the office of Henry N. Spaan, of Indianapolis, Ind. He then came back and has been practicing here ever since. He is a young man, well versed in the law, and is rapidly growing into prominence as a lawyer. In 1880 he married Miss Emma Rudder, a daughter of Elder James Rudder, a minister of the Christian Church. Mr. Elliott is a member of Salem Lodge No. 21, and of Salem Royal Arch Chapter No. 38 of Masons.

**HON. JOHN C. LAWLER**—Is of pure Irish origin. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 13th, 1843. He is a son of John C. and Susan (Cahill) Lawler who were natives of Ireland and married in that country. They emigrated to America in

1835 and located in Cincinnati. The Elder John C., was a tanner by trade, a hardworking, industrious man and a quiet citizen. He died in 1854. J. C. Lawler the subject of this sketch, was brought up in Cincinnati and educated in the public schools of Cincinnati, Ohio, and in St. Joseph's College in Perry county, Ohio.

After quitting school he came to Indiana in 1855 and in May, 1861 enlisted in Company G., Capt. Sayles, 13th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He served three years when he was discharged and came home. He read law with Crow and Voyles and was admitted to the bar in August, 1871. In 1867 he was elected Trustee of Monroe township, Washington county, served one term and was then elected to the Legislature, in 1868, but resigned before the term was up; was re-elected in 1869, and served the full term, being one of the leading Democratic members of that session. He served three terms as a member of the Town Council of Salem. He was married in December, 1866, to Eliza A. Robertson, a daughter of Alexander and Cornelia (Lumley) Robertson of this State. They have had six children, two of whom are dead; Hallie, Minnie, John A., and Ella J., are living. Jessie C. and Edna are dead. Mr. Lawler is a member

of the Old Fellows, and is a staunch Democrat. As a lawyer he stands high at the bar.

ANDREW J. McINTOSH—Of Salem was born in Washington county, Ind., October 6th, 1841. His father, John McIntosh, resides at New Albany. His mother was a Miss Sarah Barnett before her marriage.

A. J. McIntosh began to earn his own living when a mere lad, as news boy on the L. N. A. & C. railway; he continued successfully in this position for five years; he was then employed by the company as brakeman; then as baggagemaster, and by the faithful performance of his duties won the confidence and esteem of the company who promoted him to the position of conductor of a passenger train. This position he filled creditably to himself and to the satisfaction of the company for seven years.

He was married November 18th, 1868, to Miss Ella S. DePauw, of New Albany, Ind., daughter of Hon. W. C. DePauw, deceased. (See DePauw's sketch).

In 1869, Mr. McIntosh engaged in business as a merchant at Salem and continued for some years. He was elected Sheriff of Washington county in 1882, and re-nominated by his party,

the Democrats, in 1884 without opposition. He was again elected and soon after resigned. In 1885, under the Cleveland administration he was appointed Revenue Inspector for the District in which he lives. This position he still holds, and will hold until President Harrison *requests* him to change his business.

Mr. McIntosh is a prominent Mason, having taken the 32d or Scottish Rite degree; he is also an I. O. O. F. and K. of P. member.

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ELI W. MENAUGH—Circuit Clerk, and the most popular of all the Washington county officials, was born in Salem, Indiana, Jan. 17th, 1844, and is a son of John L. and Lavina (Naugle) Menaugh. The latter was of German origin. The former, John L. Menaugh, was born in Taylorsville, Ky., in 1807. He came to Indiana and settled in this county. He was a farmer, but afterwards engaged in merchandising and banking. He was a man of much local prominence, and was elected Sheriff in 1846, then to the Legislature, serving one term. He was Treasurer of the county eight years, and postmaster many years, under Democratic administrations—also took the census for the county in 1870.

He was Colonel of the militia of this county during the Mexican war. He died in 1879. His father, Thomas Menaugh, a native of Ireland, came to America during the latter part of the century, and settled in North Carolina, but some years later moved to Kentucky, and later, in 1809, to Indiana, where his life was spent as a farmer.

Eli W., the subject of this sketch, was reared in Salem, and educated in the common schools of the county, and at the age of seventeen years entered the army as a private, in the company of Capt. James Banta, and served all through the war. He arose to the rank of Quartermaster's Sergeant, and came home in the summer of 1865. After his return from the army he opened a store, which he carried on for six years; then served as Deputy Clerk, and in 1886 he was elected Circuit Clerk without opposition, a position he now holds. In 1866 he was married to Alice A., daughter of Wm. A. and Cynthia (Mitchell) Kemp, natives of this State. They have five children, viz: Nina, wife of Theodore Wilson, Deputy Clerk; Heber L., Annie D., Clyde and Gertrude. He is a member of the Baptist Church, of the Masonic Order, and of the K. of P., G. A. R., etc. He has held all the principal offices of

the Masonic Lodge, and of the other organizations to which he belongs. He was a delegate to the National encampment G. A. R. which met in St. Louis in 1887. He was also a delegate from his Congressional District to the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis in 1888.

He was Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of his county in the campaign of 1888, and while every county adjoining his lost to the Democracy from 200 to 300 votes, yet his county, after a close and thorough organization, succeeded in giving one of her old time Democratic majorities.

**SAMUEL B. VOYLES**—A prominent lawyer of Salem, was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1844. His father, William Voyles, is also to the "manor born." He was born in Washington county seventy-three years ago, is still living and is one of the highly respected farmers of the county.

William Voyles' father, whose name was also William, was a North Carolinian by birth and was a private soldier in Gen. Gates' army in the war of the revolution. He was among the earliest pioneers in Washington county.

S. B. Voyles' mother was Barbara Wilson, a daughter of Richard Wil-

son, the latter a native of North Carolina, migrating from there to the county, and was among the first who settled here.

His mother and a sister older than himself died in 1844. S. B. Voyles remained on his father's farm until he was eighteen years old, when he entered the army in an Indiana regiment, and for three years fought in all the principal battles of his regiment. At the end of his time of enlistment he returned home, going thence to Missouri where he read law, and in 1868 attended the St. Louis Law School. In 1869 he was admitted to practice at Salem where he has successfully continued ever since.

At two elections he was chosen Prosecuting Attorney for his Judicial Circuit, composed of Jackson and Washington counties and in this office he served faithfully and energetically for four years.

In 1880 after an acrimonious contest for the nomination he was selected and afterward elected to the Indiana Senate for the district composed of Washington and Floyd counties, and while a member of the Senate he was one of the acknowledged leaders of that body and served at the head of several important committees.

Mr. Voyles is now serving as one of the Commissioners of the State Monu-

ment Board, appointed by the Governor, and as a member of this Board he aided in the selection of the celebrated design for the State Soldiers' Monument at Indianapolis.

He was married in 1873 to Miss Maud Huston, of Salem, a woman of superior intelligence and culture. Their children are: Willard, Clara, Tom, Kate and Barbara.

Mr. Voyles owns a beautiful home at Salem and is otherwise well fixed in a financial way. He is a good lawyer and is truly a self-made man. He enjoyed none of the educational advantages of the present era, nevertheless he is a man of good natural ability—a student of research, the builder up of his own fortune and the architect of his own fame.

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**HENRY POLLOCH**—Of Jeffersonville, Clark county, Ind., was born in the City of Louisville, Kentucky, February 27th, 1835. His father, William Polloch, was born in county Mayo, Ireland, April 7th, 1798. The family have no record of the time he emigrated to the United States. He was married in this country in 1833, and died in 1876. He was the father of five sons and one daughter, of whom four sons and one daughter survived him, to wit: Henry the subject of our

sketch, Thomas, William and John, and Mrs. Mary E. Polk. His mother's maiden name was Judith Merritt. She was a native of Kentucky, having been born in Bullitt county, that State, August 11th, 1804, and is still alive and in good health, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. She is the mother of ten children. His father, William Polloch, came to Clark county, Indiana, in the year 1838 and located on a farm, when Henry Polloch, the subject of this sketch, was but five years of age, and he remained there helping and assisting on the farm until he was seventeen years old. He then went to Charlestown in 1852 and set in with John Cowling to learn the carpenter's trade, with whom he remained and served faithfully three years. All the schooling he ever received, he obtained in the free public schools of Clark county, Indiana.

After his apprenticeship with Mr. Cowling expired, he went to Louisville where he worked at his trade of house carpenter. He remained there two years, when he came to Jeffersonville and entered into a co-partnership with his old boss, John Cowling, to engage in the carpentering business. They remained together, doing a prosperous business in their line until 1866, when the co-partnership, by mutual consent, was dissolved, Mr. Cowl-

ing retiring from the business. He then became a contractor and builder on his own account and has built some of the finest buildings in the city of Jeffersonville, and has continued in the business ever since. In connection with that of contractor and builder, he has studied and learned architecture and drawing and stair-building and makes and furnishes plans and designs for all kinds of houses and public buildings. He is considered one of the finest and most reliable builders around the Falls.

Mr. Polloch was married to Miss Frances Brisby on the 12th day of July, 1857. She was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, February 21st, 1835. They have two children, both girls, Anna Belle and Alice Everett. Alice is married to W. F. Clark, son of Prof. Joseph Clark, of the city of Jeffersonville, and Anna Belle is single and living at home with her parents. His first wife, Miss Frances Brisby, and the mother of his two daughters, died March 24th, 1884, in the forty-ninth year of her age. On the 7th of April, 1885, he was married the second time to Maggie E. Polk. She was born in Winchester, Clark county, in the State of Kentucky, April 14th, 1845.

Mr. Henry Polloch is a man of good, strong native sense; while it cannot be said that he is an educated man, yet

he will be found well informed upon all public matters. His honesty and integrity no man ever questioned. Everybody that knows him has the utmost confidence in him in any matter of importance. He is one of our best and most reliable citizens.

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JOHN S. BURGES—Of Harrison county was born in the same county, May 15th, 1836, and is a son of West Burges, a native of Maryland, who came to Indiana in 1825, and settled in Spencer township, where he died in 1852, at the age of 62 years. He was an old line Whig, but never took any interest in politics beyond the casting of his vote for the man of his party's choice. He was a local Methodist preacher for twenty-five years, and did much good in the community. His father came from England. The mother of John S. was Hannah Sinsey, before her marriage, and was born in Virginia, where she was married, and then came West with her husband. She was of German descent. John S. was reared on a farm and received a common school education. He was married October 7th, 1856, to Miss Sarah Haas, a daughter of Rev. Jacob Haas, of German parentage, and a local minister of the United Brethren church, who came to Harri-

son county in early times. Mr. and Mrs. Burges had six children, viz: Hannah C.; Emma, (died at the age of three); Lida E.; William, (died at the age of eleven); Mary, and Joseph E. The mother died in 1866, and Mr. Burges married Mariah Brown, a daughter of John Brown of this county. The result of this union is five children: Lena; John and Anna, twins; Cort and Frank. Mr. Burges is a prominent member of the M. E. church, a Republican in politics, and an honest man naturally. He owns 287 acres of well improved land, lives well, and is one of the enterprising and prosperous farmers of the county. His children have been well educated and are among the respected men and women of their neighborhood. Some are teachers, some married and rearing families of their own, some are farmers, and some live in other States. Joseph E. lives in California; Lida is married to Allen Russell, and lives in Cincinnati; the others live in Harrison county.

**HENRY H. DEVORE**—Of Harrison county, was born in Hart county, Kentucky, Jan. 14th, 1846, and is a son of Philip Devore, a native of Kentucky, and a grandson of Philip Devore, Sr., of Pennsylvania. Philip, Jr., the

father of Henry, married Eunice Reese, a daughter of Philip Reese. To them were born twelve children, Henry H., the subject of this sketch, being the youngest. His father emigrated from Kentucky to New Albany, about 1850 and died in 1867—his wife died about 1853–55. Henry H. was bred a farmer and educated in the public schools, receiving all the advantages they afforded. He enlisted in Co. C, Forty-ninth Indiana Vol. Infantry, Sept. 30th, 1861. In February, 1864, he veteranized and served until the close of the war, being discharged Sept. 13th, 1865. His service was long and severe and he took part in all the battles and skirmishes of his regiment. When the war was over and peace again smiled upon the country, he laid down his arms and returned to his plow.

He was married Jan. 29th, 1872, to Miss Eliza C. Cromwell, daughter of Lewis and Mary Cromwell. They have three children, born as follows: Mary E., Sept. 29th, 1879; Viola, March 15th, 1882, and Rose M., April 5th, 1886. Wm. Devore is a prosperous farmer and an exemplary citizen.

**JOSEPH W. FETZER** — Of Harrison county was born in Crawford county, this State, August 4th, 1825,

and is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Wilson) Fetzer. The former was born in Virginia, and came to Crawford county, Indiana, in 1821. He had been a soldier in the war of 1812, and after locating here he followed farming and distilling. Elizabeth Wilson Fetzer was born in Harrison county and is a daughter of John and Prucilla Wilson, who were among the earliest settlers of Harrison county. The subject of this sketch was brought up on his father's farm, receiving limited educational advantages, which were one and a half months during the winter for three years. He was married December 7th, 1848, to Miss Parmelia Little, a daughter of Josiah and Mary Little—the former was a native of Georgia and was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Fetzer have seven children, five of whom are living and two are dead.

He enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry under Col. G. L. McJohnson, and in 1864 was promoted to Lieutenant. He was discharged June 1865, and from disability now draws a pension.

Mr. Fetzer owns 135 acres of choice land which he has highly improved and farmed to excellent advantage. He devotes considerable attention to the raising of fine stock. He and his wife are earnest, consistent Christians—

members of the Methodist Church, and highly respected people in the community in which they live.

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JAMES MILLER—Of Harrison county, was born March 11th, 1844, and is the son of James and Margaret (Tuel) Miller; the former was born in Pennsylvania about the year 1803, and the latter in Harrison county, Indiana, about 1815–20. They had four children of whom James, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest. He (the subject) was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. F., Eighty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged June 13th, 1865, on account of the expiration of his term of service. He returned home and resumed farm work. He was soon afterward married (June, 1865) to Miss Lavina Pearson, a daughter of John Pearson, Esq. They had one child—Mary Elizabeth, born September 1st, 1866. Mrs. Miller died in September, 1867, and July 10, 1874, he married Mrs. Rebecca J. Stewart, who was born March 28th, 1848, and was the daughter of Adam and Nancy Coons, natives of Kentucky. She was the widow of Charles Stewart, a soldier in the late civil war, who enlisted in Co. G, Twenty-third Ind-



iana Volunteer Infantry and was discharged January 3d, 1864, his term of service having expired. He re-enlisted and served until July 23d, 1865, when he was discharged. He died in January 8th, 1872. Mr. Miller joined the M. E. Church when but fifteen years of age, and has ever since been a consistent member of the same.

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DAVID M. ALSPAUGH—Of the legal firm of Alspaugh & Lawler, was born September 11th, 1842, in Crawford county, Indiana, and is, one of three living children in a family of eight, born to Solomon and Emaline (Curry) Alspaugh.

Both parents were natives of Orange, Indiana, and of German-Irish descent.

David M. was raised a farmer's boy, and by hard study passed a creditable examination and was licensed to teach when seventeen years old. After teaching one term, he responded to his country's call, and August 5th, 1861, enlisted a private in Company E, First Indiana Cavalry, Twenty-eighth regiment, for three years. He was in active service, and besides numerous skirmishes, was in battles of Fredericktown, Round Hill, Helena, Little Rock and Pine Bluff, at the latter place receiving a severe gun-shot wound in the left knee. September 12th, 1864,

he was discharged and having helped recruit Co. F, for the One Hundred and Forty-fourth, in January, 1865, he was commissioned First Lieutenant by Governor Morton, and as such served in the Shenandoah Valley until he was honorably discharged with his company, at the close of the war. On returning, he attended the seminary at Paoli eighteen months; then for one year read law with Simpson & Mavity. Graduating from the Law Department of the State University, he located at Salem early in 1868, where he is recognized as one of the county's best attorneys. He is a stalwart Republican, a Mason, and in 1884 was a delegate to the Chicago convention that nominated Blaine and Logan.

Miss Joanna Brown became his wife July 22d, 1869, and these children were born to them: Homer C.; Robert R.; Ora; Emma (deceased); an infant that died unnamed; Florence; David; Paul and Thomas.

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HON. A. B. COLLINS—Attorney, was born in New Albany, Ind., September 10th, 1853. His father, James Collins, was born in Virginia in the year 1802 and went to Kentucky when a small child, residing in Madison county until twelve years old when he settled in Louisville with his father's

family, where he was educated. When twenty-four years old he studied law under the supervision of Judge Scott, in Charleston, Ind., and in 1830 was admitted to the bar. He married Angelina M. Lorain the same year. [Three of their seven children are yet living], and located for the practice of his profession at Paoli, Ind., which was his home for several years. He finally moved to New Albany where he ranked as one of the ablest attorneys for more than thirty years.

In 1844 he was an elector on the Whig ticket and was twice elected to the Indiana House of Representatives. He was a man of sterling integrity and uncompromising honesty; and died Oct. 15th, 1869, at Pekin.

A. B. Collins, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in private schools of his native town and for two years was a student at Asbury University. He read law with his father and after being admitted to the Floyd county bar practiced his profession from 1858 to 1865, but then removed to Pekin, Washington county, and followed merchandising and farming until 1871, when he removed to Salem, where he has since resided, actively engaged in legal pursuits. In May, 1875, Miss Maria Luckwood became his wife, this lady being a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Collins is one of Salem's best attorneys, and as a Democrat in politics has twice represented this [Washington] county in the State Legislature.

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WILLIAM RUDDER—The junior member of the firm of Rudder & Son, was born Dec. 12th, 1845, being the oldest of six children born to James and Elizabeth [Barnet] Rudder. His father was a native of Kentucky, from which State he removed to Indiana in 1842, settling about one and one-half miles east of what is now known as Campbellsburg. Prior to the year 1863 he was engaged in farming, and since that time has been connected with the milling business.

He has been a minister of the Christian Church.

William, the subject of this sketch, had good facilities for obtaining a good practical education, enough to enable him to teach in the common schools.

October 26th, 1865, his marriage with Nancy E. Purlee was solemnized. The union has been blessed with seven children. James L.; Cora E.; Stella M.; William H.; Lawrence E.; Lula D. and Dessie, all living except the eldest daughter who died in 1885.

He is not a member of any church but contributes to churches in general.

He is a Mason, is a staunch Democrat, has served his township as Trustee for twelve years, was elected in 1886 to the Sheriff's office of his county, was appointed in 1885 to fill the unexpired term of Mackintosh, resigned, and was re-elected in 1886.

His wife died in 1886. Mr. Rudder makes a good officer, and is one of the county's good men.

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#### DR. CHRISTIAN L. PAYNTER

—An old practitioner of Salem, was born in Washington county, Indiana, February 19th, 1824, and is a son of Catherine (Etzler) Paynter, the former born in Maryland, in 1785, and the latter in Virginia in 1793. They emigrated to Washington county in 1822, and settled on a farm three miles south of Salem, where C. L. Paynter was raised.

John Paynter was a lieutenant in the war of 1812, and died in July, 1868. His widow died in 1879. Dr. Paynter secured a fair education in youth, taught school to some extent, and on the breaking out of hostilities between the United States and Mexico he became a member of Company D, Second Indiana Regiment. He served through Buena Vista, and on the expiration of his term of enlistment, returned to his native county and soon

afterward began the study of medicine with Dr. A. M. Jones at Corydon.

In 1853 he graduated from the Louisville Medical University, and for many years has occupied a prominent position among the physicians of Salem and surrounding counties. He is a member of the Washington county and State Medical Societies.

February 5th, 1856, he married Miss Sarah J. Smith, of Hardin county, Kentucky.

William H., a young attorney of Salem; Mary L., and Horace M. are their children living.

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JOHN A. ZARING—Lawyer of Salem was born in Scott county, Indiana, October 30th, 1848, and is the eldest son of James W. and (Carlyle) Zaring. He assisted his father in carrying on the farm, attending school during the winter, until by diligence in his studies he was enabled, at the age of eighteen, to pass an examination for a teacher's certificate. From that time until he was twenty-two, he worked on the farm during the summer, and taught school in the winter. In the spring of 1870 he entered the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, where he spent three years, graduating from the Law Department in the spring of 1874. After teaching school one term,

he settled in Salem, Indiana, and began the practice of law in which he has successfully continued. He was for several years associated in practice with Hon. Horace Heffren until the death of the latter, when he soon formed a partnership with Hilton B. Hottell, a talented young lawyer of Salem, and this partnership continues to the present time.

Mr. Zaring was married to Miss Minnie Heffren, daughter of Hon. Horace Heffren, deceased. They have one child, a daughter, Mable.

Mr. Zaring is one of the most polished speakers at the Washington county bar, and by his close attention to business and his upright and gentlemanly bearing is fast winning a way to prominence as a lawyer in his community.

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**JUDGE BENJAMIN P. DOUGLASS**—Of Harrison county, was born at New Market, Shenandoah county, Virginia, July 22d, 1820. He is a son of Adam and Nancy [Pennybacker] Douglass. His ancestors on his father's side were Scotch from the north of Ireland. His grandfather was a captain in the Irish Rebellion of 1798 and on the quelling of the insurrection was compelled to flee to this country. On his mother's side

they came from Pennsylvania, her people having settled there at the time of William Penn. Isaac Pennybacker, his mother's brother, was United States Senator from Virginia and also Judge of the Circuit Court. Benjamin P. attended the common school in Virginia when a small boy and removed with his parents to Harrison county, Indiana, in 1834, where they settled on a farm. His father, being a fine classical scholar himself, undertook the education of his son, thereby affording him an excellent education, an advantage of which he availed himself to the fullest extent. On finishing his course he continued for a time with his father, working on the farm, studying hard and teaching school, for which his education had so thoroughly qualified him.

He continued in these occupations until 1849, when he was chosen County Auditor.

This election was somewhat remarkable, he being a Democrat and the district at that time being strongly Whig, a convincing proof of the esteem in which he was personally held by those who knew him. He was then strongly solicited to become Clerk of the county which, however, he declined. In 1857 he was elected as Representative to the State Legislature from Harrison county, where he served one session.

In 1858 he embarked in mercantile business in which he continued until 1867, when he was appointed by a board of commissioners to fill an unexpired term in the Auditor's office for the purpose of placing his accounts in better order.

In 1868 he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court. After the expiration of his term of office he entered regularly upon the profession of law at Corydon, where he continued until 1885 when he was appointed as Special Agent of the Land Office, with headquarters in New Mexico, in which capacity he still serves [1889].

He was one of the directors and President of the Pike road from Corydon to New Albany, of which he was one of the projectors. He was also one of the directors and engineer during the construction of the Air Line R. R.

He was married at Louisville, July 1835 to Annie Pope, daughter of Edmund Pendleton Pope, a prominent lawyer of Louisville.

They have two children, one daughter, now dead, and one son born July, 1859, now in Colorado.

The Judge, himself, is a man of commanding appearance. His habits are those of a scholar and a gentleman.

**HORACE HEFFREN**—Was born in Dryden, Tompkins county, N. Y., May 27th, 1831, and was the eldest son of Elijah and Julia A. (Dunham) Heffren. His father was a farmer. His mother's brother, Cyrus L. Dunham, was a very prominent man in State affairs, being one of the leading attorneys of Indiana, and also represented the State in Congress. Mr. Heffren spent his early life on the farm, attending school during the winter, and at the age of seventeen taught school three terms.

In October, 1850, he emigrated to Brownstown, Jackson county, Indiana, and in the following spring began the study of law in the office of C. L. Dunham and J. M. Lord at Salem. He was admitted to the bar in 1852 and admitted to practice in the Supreme Court, on motion of the Hon. William T. Otto, May 29th, 1855. In 1852 he began the practice of law at Salem, Indiana, and resided there till his death. In October, 1856, he was elected State Senator, and introduced a bill which became a law: "To provide for transferring the certificates of the stock of the State, providing for a registry of the same; to prevent a fraudulent issue thereof, and providing a punishment for a violation of the provisions of this act."

In 1857, through the manipulations

of the joint session in an attempt to defeat the election of United States Senator, a point of order being raised, Mr. Heffren spoke against time, as per arrangement, and succeeded in electing the United States Senator from his party.

In 1861 he was elected joint representative from the counties of Washington and Harrison without opposition, and was the Democratic candidate for Speaker of the House, receiving the entire party vote. The same year he assisted in raising the Thirteenth Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry of which he was commissioned Major and afterward promoted Colonel. In October he was transferred to the Fiftieth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, which he assisted to recruit, and was sent to Tennessee with a portion of the regiment. In September, 1862, he was compelled to resign owing to ill health. Returning to Salem, he resumed the practice of law, to which he devoted the remainder of his life. In the fall of 1882 he was again elected to the House of Representatives from Washington county, served as the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and was the acknowledged leader of the Democratic side of the House in that session. For four years he was engaged in writing the history of Washington county, which he pub-

lished from week to week in the Salem *Democrat*. For thirty-five years Mr. Heffren was a leading man in the Democratic party, and it was greatly indebted to him for its thorough organization and its success under many adverse and trying circumstances.

He was married October 23d, 1855, to Miss Mary Persise. She died some years ago; two children survive.

Mr. Heffren was made a Free Mason in 1852. He took all the degrees through Knighthood and was a representative in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the State.

He was closely identified with the growth and prosperity of Washington county. He was regarded as standing at the head of the legal fraternity in his county, and was highly respected as a citizen and gentleman.

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DAVID ALVIS [deceased]—A pioneer of Washington county, was born in about 1788 in the Old Dominion, which was also the native State of his parents, Jesse and Mary [Malory] Alvis. Jesse Alvis was an old revolutionary war soldier, and in about 1806 removed to Shelby county, Kentucky, where David Alvis, in about 1812, married Ellen McKniley, and from whence he emigrated with his family, in February 1816, to what

is now known as Washington county, Indiana, settling near Pekin on the South Fork of Blue river.

In a few years David returned to Kentucky, and on his return brought his aged parents who ever afterward made Indiana their home.

The Alvis family saw much of the hardships and inconveniences of pioneer life, and have been in some way identified with the prosperity of the county from its organization down to the present.

Mrs. Ellen Alvis died in 1863, followed by her husband in 1868. Perhaps the most widely known of their children is W. M. Alvis, who was born in Pierce township, September 6th, 1823, and has always made Washington county his home.

Much of his life has been passed in teaching school, and for eight years he has served as Treasurer of the county, being elected to that office four times.

Miss C. D. Lapping became his wife in 1850, and J. Albert and J. D. were their children, the latter being the only survivor.

The mother dying in 1856, Mr. Alvis married Miss A. M. Motsinger in 1858. Two children, A. C. and Charlie M. have been born to them.

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D. A. JENNINGS—Editor of the Salem *Democrat*, was born in

Noble county, Ohio, June 22d, 1855.

He is a son of Judge A. P. Jennings, native of Ohio and served as Probate Judge; his mother—Sarah A. Archer—born in Ohio. After attending the common and normal schools, he entered Adrian College, Michigan, from which he graduated at the age of twenty-one, receiving two degrees—Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. Later he attended lectures at the University at Halle and Freiburg, Germany, being lectures on civil law, remaining there for one and one-half years; but remained altogether two years in Europe studying. He came back, went West in 1879 and in 1880 edited the *Independent* at Castle Rock, Colorado. At Denver, Col., he was admitted to the bar at which place he practiced law, but continued there but a few months when he returned to Ohio and was employed in teaching school.

In 1884 he took charge of the *Press* and practiced law at Caldwell, Ohio. He continued to run this paper till the 9th of November, 1887, when he came to Salem and purchased the Salem *Democrat*—the oldest paper in Washington county.

He was married in 1880 at Boulder, Col., to Miss Belle Zora King, of Castle Rock. They have two children—Myra and Warner.

Since Mr. Jennings has taken charge of the Salem *Democrat* the circulation of the paper has considerably increased and has been improved in many respects and now is one of the best edited county newspapers in the District.

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FRED. L. PROW—Attorney at law and merchant of Salem, Indiana, a son of James W. Prow, who was born in North Carolina, the 1st of January, 1812, and emigrated with his father, Christian Prow, and settled in Washington county, Indiana, about 1818.

James W. Prow married Elizabeth L. Stephens, who was born in East Tennessee in 1818; emigrated with her parents while quite young and settled at Paoli, Orange county, Ind., and afterwards removed to Bono, Lawrence county, where she and James W. Prow were married in 1836.

James W. Prow served several terms as Justice of the Peace and one term as County Commissioner of Lawrence county; he was in the mercantile business for years at Bono. He removed to Salem in 1863 and served several terms as Justice of the Peace. He was a commercial reporter and collector; he died in March, 1880.

The subject of this sketch was born at Bono, Lawrence county, Indiana, October 22d, 1836, and was raised there, receiving only the advantages of a common school education, except meager private instruction and personal application to books for about a year after quitting school. He enlisted in the Fiftieth Indiana Volunteers in September, and served with it in all its campaigns up to the battle of Parker's Cross Roads, December 31st, 1862, where, while acting as mounted orderly for Col. C. L. Dunham, commanding a brigade, he received special mention in Dunham's official report of the battle, for bravery on the field. See *Soldier of Indiana* [Ind. Tp. Library], Vol. 2, p. 278.

"In the rush, the Fiftieth made a bayonet charge, which carried it into and through the enemy's lines. Dunham's horse was shot from under him, but his orderly, Frederick L. Prow, dismounting in the midst of a terrible fire, supplied the loss by his own deprivation."

In January, 1863, he was transferred to the Signal Corps U. S. A., and with its detachments participated in the battles before the siege of Vicksburg. The following spring and summer he participated in the Tennessee and Georgia campaigns, including the



siege of Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta. His term of service expiring soon after the surrender of the latter place, he returned to Indiana and engaged in mercantile business at Dover Hill, Indiana, and removed from there to Salem, Indiana, in 1871.

He was married to Lucretia A. Montgomery, daughter of Dr. James Montgomery, at Bono, Lawrence county, in January, 1866. He served about four years as Justice of the Peace in Martin county; studied law with Thos. M. Clarke, and with him opened a law office in Salem in 1872; in 1876 was elected Prosecuting Attorney for his circuit and re-elected in 1878; the three commissions being signed by Governors Morton, Hendricks and Williams. In 1885 he retired from active practice and opened a general store, to which he devotes most of his attention; only collecting and doing a little legal business for his friends.

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JOHN F. READ—Counselor at law, of Jeffersonville, is a member of a family which has been identified more or less with the history of the State, since it emerged from its territorial condition. On both sides he descended from Kentuckians who emigrated to Indiana at an early date.

He was born on Indiana soil, October 4th, 1822, and is the eldest of four children of James G. and Mary (Mahan) Read. His father represented his District in the Legislature for over twenty years. In 1828 he received the Democratic nomination for Governor against the Whig candidate and was defeated by a small majority. In 1834 he was again the candidate of his party for Governor, and again suffered a defeat at the hands of the dominant party, but it could well be said by his opponents: "A few more such victories and we are lost."

He was the editor and proprietor of the first newspaper published at Vincennes, Indiana, which naturally reflected his politics in an eminent degree. Uncompromisingly Democratic in his convictions, he conducted his paper with an eye single to the interests of his party, while dealing firmly but courteously with his opponents. He was well known as a ready writer and fluent and graceful speaker. He laid out the City of Washington, Daviess county, where he resided for many years. In early life he had been engaged in mercantile business, and had succeeded in accumulating a competence.

John F. Read was educated at Hanover College, Indiana, from which

he graduated in the class of 1845, under the presidency of Professor McMasters. In 1846 he commenced the practice of law at Jeffersonville, where he has been for more than thirty years actively engaged in the profession. His present law partner is Jonas G. Howard.

Mr. Read has served one term in the State Legislature and eight years in the land office of the State — four years under the administration of James K. Polk and four under Franklin Pierce.

The e positions were filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public, but it is not alone in public or professional life that Mr. Read has influenced the development of his city and State.

He has always been a truly public spirited citizen, not given to the encouragement of visionary schemes, but aiding everything that in his judgment had a tendency to enliven or improve the business interests of the community.

In 1846 Mr. Read married Miss Eliza Kegwin. She died in 1852, leaving a daughter who is the wife of Mr. Sage, of Jeffersonville.

In 1855 Mr. Read married Miss Eliza Pratt, daughter of Joseph R. Pratt, of Georgetown, Kentucky. They have a family of eight children.

**CAPTAIN\* ALLEN W. BROWN**  
—Ex-Treasurer of Jennings county, Vernon, Indiana, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, November 27th, 1827, and was the eldest son of John and Jane (McGill) Brown. His grandfather Brown served both in the revolutionary war and the war of 1812. His uncle, John McGill, was in the war of 1812, and his grandfather McGill spent seven years in the revolutionary army. Captain Brown was brought up on his father's farm and employed his time in agricultural labor, and assisting his father in his saw-mill, until he was twenty-one years of age; in this time having been only a part of three months at school. He has, however, since obtained a good English education. When a good-sized boy, he worked for some time at 12½ cents per day.

In 1848 he built a saw-mill which he operated one year. He then sold it, and after spending some time in the South, worked in the ship-yard at Madison.

In 1850 he returned to Jennings county, re-purchased his mill and carried it on for about four years. He also built a flouring mill at Scipio, in which he had a one-third interest, which he conducted for a year or two. He then sold his mill property, and for a short time was in no regular business.

In 1856 he purchased another saw-mill and operated it until August, 1862, when he sold out and enlisted as a private in Co. B., Eighty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was soon after commissioned Second Lieutenant, and then rose to the rank of Captain. He was with his regiment during all its important actions from the battle of Chattanooga to that of Atlanta, except the battle of Murfreesboro when he was on sick leave in Indiana. Owing to ill health he resigned in November, 1864, and returned home. He soon after purchased an interest in a store at Scipio which he carried on two years; then selling out he returned to his farm, which he has since continued to manage.

He was elected Treasurer of Jennings county in 1876, and re-elected in 1878. In politics he is an earnest Republican, and has been an energetic worker, contributing much to the success of his party. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

In July, 1853, he married Miss Euphemia Wilkins, daughter of a farmer of Jennings county. They have four children living; three sons and one daughter. Captain Brown is a genial and social gentleman, and is esteemed by all who know him.

#### GENERAL LEVI SPARKS—

Late of Jeffersonville, was born at Church Hill, Queen Anne county, Maryland, November 21st, 1814. He came to Indiana in 1836, and settled in Washington, Daviess county, but after remaining there one year he removed to Jeffersonville and entered the dry goods house of W. D. Beach. In 1840 he engaged in the dry goods trade in partnership with Peter Myers. This connection continued for eight years when Mr. Myers retired and Mr. Sparks continued in business for himself until his death, which occurred March 26th, 1875. He was an active Democrat, and was a prominent member of his party. From 1845 to 1869 he was a member of the City Council of Jeffersonville, and proved himself to be one of the best servants that the city has ever had.

In 1869 he was elected Mayor of the city, and again in 1871. Few men in public or private life have been more devoted to the interests of the city than Mr. Sparks. To him is largely due the location of the Government Arsenal at Jeffersonville, which contributes in no small degree to the prosperity of the place. He was for a number of years a member of the District and State Democratic Central Committee. Every duty which devolved upon him was performed

with energy, sagacity and fidelity. He was a member of every National Convention from 1852 until his death. He was an intimate friend of Governor Hendricks, Senator McDonald and M. C. Kerr.

PROF. JAMES G. MAY — Was born in Lincoln county, Indiana, April 21st, 1805. He was the eldest son of nine children — two brothers and two sisters born to Jacob and Eleanor (McDonald) May. The May family history is briefly this: In the year 1700 a crowd of students of colleges and universities of a portion of Germany, heated by the drinking of crambambuli, a German drink, uttered treasonable sentences against the crowned heads and potentates of their native country, and threatened to deprive them of their kingly power.

George May, great-grandfather of James G., the subject of this sketch, together with his brother John and thirteen others, escaped arrest and in sailors' disguise took passage to America, landing at Philadelphia in 1701. John May's descendants settled in North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia, afterwards spreading to Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

George May was the father of seven sons and two daughters, and Jacob,

grandfather of James G., was the oldest. George died at Philadelphia. Jacob settled in Maryland and settled near Baltimore and there Jacob, father of James G., was born. Jacob, the second, settled in Kentucky in 1783 at the age of ten years with his parents. He came to Indiana in 1825 and died at Martinsville, in Washington county, in 1852.

William McDonald, grandfather of James G. May, was born in Philadelphia and his parents were natives of Scotland. He served seven years in the revolutionary war; married a Miss Bell in North Carolina, she being a near relative of John Bell, who was a candidate for the Presidency in 1860. James G. May never remembered when he learned his letters. At six years of age he read sufficiently well to peruse the Bible unaided. From the time he was four years old he was always a student up to the time of his death. When fourteen years of age he entered Morrison's Academy and there acquired an extensive knowledge of the sciences. Not possessing the means necessary to take a collegiate course, he began teaching at sixteen years, in his father's family and working on the farm, at the same time pursuing privately the course his academic classmates were taking at Center College, at Danville, Ky. In ten years he

mastered the course without one day's attendance at college and in 1823 taught his first term of subscription school.

In November, 1824, he came to Indiana and that winter taught school in Brown township, Washington county. In 1825 he began reading law privately. The greater part of his useful life was passed teaching school; about 7,000 days in Washington county, 1,080 days in Decatur county, Ind., 1,935 days in Harrison county Seminary, 1,170 days in New Albany as superintendent and general instructor, 308 days scattering — making a total of some 11,000 days passed in the school room. It is not necessary to add that Prof. May made school teaching a success.

In 1838 he was admitted to practice law at Rushville, Ind., and engaged in legal pursuits. From December, 1832, to November, 1834, he was editor of

the *Western Annotator*, at Salem. He was a Jacksonian in politics up to 1833, when his views changed on the question of banking, and in 1834 he wrote the first article recommending William Henry Harrison for the Presidency.

In 1856 he became a Republican, and remained one till the day of his death. During the bitter struggle between the North and the South, he was ever found a warm supporter of the Union and Lincoln's administration, and often was threatened all manner of violence for his outspoken and radical stand in favor of the Union. March 5th, 1829, he married Nancy, daughter of Benoni and Elizabeth (McCoskey) Armstrong.

Prof. May, at the time of his death in the winter of '88, bore the honor of being the oldest schoolmaster in the State and longest in the service.





# SOUVENIR SKETCHES.

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CHARLES C. ANDERSON is the son of Samuel Anderson and Rebecca (Crawford) Anderson, and was born in the city of Philadelphia, January 29, 1813. His father emigrated to the West in 1817. He came from Philadelphia, across the State of Pennsylvania, by land, in a derburn carriage, to Pittsburg, and they were some two or three weeks making the trip. At Pittsburg his father and some of his friends jointly bought a flatboat, and in this boat floated down the Ohio river to Cincinnati, Ohio; arriving at Cincinnati, which was but a small town at that time, father engaged to work in a foundry owned by a Mr. Green, the motive power of which was a yoke of oxen. One of Mr. Anderson's early recollections is connected with this foundry. He used to go there, and the Irishman, Jimmie Ramsey, who had charge of the oxen and to keep the machinery in constant motion, would place him on the beam to which the oxen were hitched, where he would ride round and drive the oxen. That, he thought, was the most delightful time in life.

After working in Mr. Green's foundry for a time, he worked in Watson's clock factory, and was engaged in manufacturing clock cases. His mother, who was a native of Philadelphia, died soon after they came West, in 1820, when he was but seven years of age. She was of a Quaker

family, and retained, until her death, some of their peculiarities. His father, who was a native of Trenton, N. J., died in 1834, at the age of forty years.

Mr. Charles C. Anderson, the subject of our sketch, learned the trade of foundryman, in Cincinnati, with Robert C. Green, who owned and operated a large foundry and machine shop in that city. In 1832 Mr. Green removed to Jeffersonville, bringing Mr. Anderson with him, and built a shop and carried on the foundry and machine business for a number of years. Mr. Anderson remained with Mr. Green until he quit the business and engaged in other pursuits.

Some time about 1840 Mr. Anderson started a small machine shop a short distance above Howard's shipyard, which he carried on about four years, when he formed a partnership with Hamilton Robinson, Richard Goss and James Kiegwin, and removed to an old carriage shop, situated on a lot adjoining where the City Hotel on Spring street now stands. Here the firm carried on business for a number of years, when a change was made in the business, and a shop was built on Watt street between Maple and Court avenue.

In 1860 this shop was burned and Mr. Anderson, who was its sole proprietor, lost most of his property. His friends came to his assistance and in six weeks had a tem-

porary building and resumed business. Since then he has added to his buildings and stocked his foundry with tools and improved machinery so that he can and is doing a good business. The name of his foundry is "The Jefferson Foundry," but it is as commonly known as "Anderson's."

Mr. Anderson was married in 1835 to Miss Mary Lanciskes, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, but was residing in Jeffersonville with some relatives at the time of the marriage. She died in 1880, leaving six living children,—Mary, George, John, Charles, Robert and Martha; two, Levi and Laura, being dead. In 1882, after living a lonely life for two years, he married, for the second time, Mrs. Martha J. Terry, of Jeffersonville.

He was originally a member of the Christian Church, but is now and has been for thirty years, a member of the Church of God, meeting in the Advent Christian Tabernacle. His wife is also a member of the same church.

From 1840 to 1843 he resided in the town of Port Fulton, adjoining the city of Jeffersonville, and while there he was a member of its Board of Town Trustees, and was made president of the Board. He also held the office of Town Treasurer.

Mr. Anderson is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Jeffersonville; he has the universal esteem and confidence of all who know him, and those who have known him longest and best honor and esteem him the highest.

JAMES BURKE was born February, 1826, in County Limerick, Ireland. He is the son of William Burke and Catharine (Fitzgerald) Burke. His mother came to America.

Mr. Burke emigrated to the United States in 1848, and came direct to Jeffer-

sonville, to meet his brother John and other relatives who had preceded him to this country, and entered into partnership with John Burke, and continued together for five years. He became a contractor for the grading and paving the public streets of Jeffersonville. As a street contractor he was a success, and made some money. In his dealings with the city and the public, he established a character for honesty and integrity, so that the people of his ward, in 1863, elected him councilman, and continued him as one of its representatives in the council until 1872. In 1875 he was elected city treasurer, and in 1877 and 1879 was re-elected, and served until September, 1881.

In 1886 he was appointed by Mr. Cleveland postmaster for the city of Jeffersonville, in which capacity he is now serving the people.

After he retired from the treasurer's office, he became one of the principal contractors on the Owensboro' & Russellville Railroad, and continued there until in 1884, and from that time until in 1886 was engaged in the coal business in Jeffersonville.

He was married in 1855 to Miss Cornelia Craugler, a native of New York. The result of the union is five living children.

Hon. Frank B. Burke, a son, is now joint senator from the counties of Clark, Scott and Jennings; James Burke, in the coal trade; William Burke, a clerk in the post-office under his father; Miss Maggie, also a clerk under her father in the postoffice.

HON. HENRY A. BURTT, an able and prominent lawyer of the city of Jeffersonville, was born near the town of Utica, in Clark county, Indiana, October 8, 1852.





*Henry A. Burt.*



He is the son of Eli Burt, a native of Clark county, born in Utica township, April 16, 1817, upon the farm where he now resides. He is a prominent farmer and a leading man in his township in all matters of public interest.

His grandfather Burt was among the earliest pioneers of the West, and settled in Clark county for his future home. His mother was Paulina Hardin, a native of Oldham county, Kentucky, and belongs to that famous Hardin family of Kentucky of which the great and distinguished criminal lawyer, Ben Hardin, was a conspicuous member.

Henry A. Burt was reared on his father's farm where he was born, and, when arriving at a proper age, like all farmers' sons, went to work upon the farm, assisting in the labor of cultivating it. He remained at home with the family until he was sixteen years of age, going to school during the Winter months and acquiring such education as the schools of the neighborhood afforded. At the age of sixteen he was sent to the State University at Bloomington, and entered the Preparatory Department. He did not remain there continuously until he graduated, but returned home and taught school a number of years before he finally graduated. He however completed his full collegiate course, and graduated with all the honors in 1878.

Enough of the Hardin blood flowed in his veins to bias him in the determination of the question in choosing his profession in favor of the law, and he commenced its study soon after returning from the University. After reading law in the office of Ferguson & Marsh, a strong law firm of the city of Jeffersonville, the senior member of which is now the presiding judge of the Clark and Floyd Circuit Courts, he entered the Law Department of the Uni-

versity of Louisville, and graduated with high honors in 1880. However he had, upon an examination, been admitted the year previous to graduation to practice law in all the courts of Clark and the adjoining counties. He practiced alone until the summer of 1885, when he formed a partnership in the practice of the law, with James Edward Taggart, a young lawyer of fine ability and legal talent, who had just graduated and come into practice.

Henry A. Burt, the senior member of the law firm of Burt & Taggart, is a lawyer of distinguished ability. He is a hard student and leaves nothing to chance. He digs to the very bottom of his cases; he knows every weak and every strong point in them, and prepares himself by reading and study to meet his opponents in the courts by fortifying his weak points in his case, if there are any, and urging his strong ones upon the attention of the court and jury. A lawyer of his studious habits, energy and indomitable will is bound to succeed in his profession.

The firm have now grown into a large and lucrative practice in the Clark Circuit Court, and it is only a question of time when they will stand among the foremost at the bar in the city.

He was married to Miss Marietta Robinson, daughter of William Fletcher Robinson, a substantial and wealthy farmer of Utica township, November 3, 1880, and three children is the result of their union.

GEORGE W. CARR is a native of the city of Jeffersonville. He was born February 13, 1855. He has made Jeffersonville his home all his life, and such education as he acquired during his school-boy days he obtained in the public schools of Jeffersonville.

He was a newspaper, and carried and sold newspapers for six or seven years, includ-

ing the time of the war. He clerked in a news stand in Jeffersonville for James Ferrer and Samuel McGennigal, two years each, and in 1875 he accepted a position as clerk for Joseph Spillers in his news stand in Louisville, and remained with him about eighteen months; and then in 1877 he succeeded his father, Abraham Carr, in the merchant tailoring business in Jeffersonville and has continued in that business ever since. Of his success in business he has no reason to complain. He has a good trade, and hopes by close attention to business and honest dealing to largely, in the course of time, increase it.

He is now and has been for several years the agent of Adams Express Company for this city. He is a member of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias and the American Legion of Honor.

He was married in 1882 to Miss Josie Terry, daughter of Joshua Terry, of Jeffersonville; she was reared in Jefferson county, Ky. The result of their union is three children, one boy and two girls,—Cleona, Altha and George W.

Mr. Carr is the son of Abraham and Sarah (Huber) Carr, both natives of the State of Pennsylvania, who came to Indiana in 1852. His father is still living in Jeffersonville, but his mother is dead.

Mr. Carr is one of our foremost young business men. He is sober, moral and industrious, and has the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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DAVID S. COOK was born February 9, 1857, in Chillicothe, Ohio. He was the son of William Cook and Margaret (Scott) Cook. His father, William Cook, was born in Scotland, and came to this country while he was yet quite a young man. His mother was a native of Scotland, and emigrated to the United States while a child.

All the education that our subject ever received he got in the common schools taught in the neighborhood where he was raised until he was fourteen years old. He was then put to work in stacking staves in a stave yard, and continued in that business for some five or six years. He then went to work in the Queen City Cement mills, and continued at that business for some time, and then he took a trip to Texas on a prospecting tour. Returning home he was engaged as master mechanic in the Oolitic Lime Stone Quarries, near Salem, Washington county, Indiana, and after serving in that capacity for some time, he accepted the position of superintendent of the Speed Cement Mills, situated a mile north of Sellersburg, on the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad, where he is at this time employed. He thoroughly understands the manufacture of hydraulic cement, and handles the Speed Mills with efficiency and economy.

Mr. Cook was married in 1879 to Miss Ruth Hinton, daughter of Samuel Hinton, who is a native of Indiana. They have two living children—Sarah S. and David S.

He is a prominent and efficient member of the Knights of Honor and also a member of the Stationary Engineers' Association. He has never been an office seeker. His whole ambition is to improve and elevate the laboring classes. He is one of our best and solid citizens, an energetic business man. His highest ambition is to do good in the world and to make others happy. He is domestic in his tastes; surrounded at home by his young, intelligent family, he is contented and happy.

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EDWIN M. COOTS was born in Shelby county, Ky., January 3, 1847. He was brought up on a farm and lived there a

farmer until 1872, and during his school-boy days attended the common schools of his county, and acquired such limited education as they at that time afforded. He is the son of R. M. and Elizabeth (Morton) Coots, both natives of Shelby county, Ky., and are living on the old farm in Shelby county.

In 1872 Mr. Coots left the farm, and went to Harrisonville, Shelby county, and engaged in the undertaking business, and remained there about seven years, when he removed to Shelbyville and went into the furniture business in connection with the undertaking business, remaining there one year.

In December, 1881, he came to Jeffersonville, Clark county, Indiana, and bought out the furniture and undertaking business of George C. Zinck, and went into business there, and has continued the business ever since.

In September, 1882, Mr. Coots graduated in the Cincinnati Embalming School, and about two weeks later embalmed the first corpse that was ever arterially embalmed in Clark county, Indiana.

At the November election, 1884, Mr. Coots was elected coroner of Clark county, and has been re-elected every two years continuously, and is now holding the office for the third term. He is a good solid Democrat, and he holds his office by reason of that fact, and because he is well qualified for the office and is a good clever gentleman to back it.

On the 1st of September, 1885, Mr. Coots entered into a copartnership in the furniture and undertaking business with Frank R. Willey, of Clark county, and they are now doing business under the firm name of "Coots & Willey."

He was married in 1869 to Miss Nannie J. Fry, daughter of Froman Fry, of

Shelby county, Ky; they have two boys, Froman M. and Glover. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and lives the life of a consistent Christian. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. & L. H. and the Secret League. He is a charter member of the Funeral Directors' Association of the Falls Cities, and also a member of the Indiana State Funeral Directors' Association.

There are few better citizens than Mr. Coots. He is honest, straightforward, yet affable and liberal in business, and those who deal with him will always find him to be a Christian gentleman.

JESSE M. CRIM was born in Shelby county, Ky., Jan. 12, 1820. His father, Moses Crim, was also a native of Kentucky, and emigrated from that State and settled in Washington county, this State, some time about the year 1822. His grandfather, Charles Crim, was killed by the Indians in one of their predatory excursions to the settlements. The family is of German descent. His mother, Sarah Jacobs, was a daughter of Samuel Jacobs, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was an early settler in the Indiana Territory and served as a ranger on the frontier service for a number of years.

Mr. Crim was but a small boy when his father settled on his farm in Washington county, and there he was reared. Like all farmers' sons, as soon as he was of sufficient age, he was put to work in assisting in cultivating the farm. In those days schools were not so plentiful as they are now, and a common-school education was not so easily obtained as now. All the schooling he got, however, was during the winter months when a three months' school was taught in the neighborhood and he could be spared from work on his father's

farm. The youths of those days had but poor opportunities to acquire school learning, and it was precious little they got.

Mr. Crim was married in 1848 to Miss Tilsie A. Littell, daughter of Absalom Littell, who was born in Fayette county, Pa., in the year 1788. In the latter part of the year 1799 Elder Absalom Littell of the Presbyterian Church, emigrated from his home in Pennsylvania to what was then the North West Territory, and settled on the west side of Silver Creek, now in Silver Creek Township, in Clark county, Indiana. At that time there were no purely American settlements in all that vast territory stretching west to the Rocky Mountains, and only a few straggling settlements of French and mixed breeds connected with forts and military stations.

Twelve months prior to the settlement of the Littells, as above stated, the first Protestant congregation within the present boundaries of the State was organized a few miles north of the Littell settlement, and the first house of worship was erected on Silver Creek, near the Littell farm. This was a regular Baptist Church.

Absalom Littell, the grandfather of our subject's wife, was an earnest worker in the Presbyterian Church, and was prominent in organizing the first Presbyterian Church at Charlestown.

The younger Littell was one of the pioneer preachers of the county. He remained in the regular Baptist Church, preaching and laboring in the cause, until the division in the church, which was known in those days as Campbellites; he then left the old regular church and went with the division that took the name of Christian, which now constitutes one of the largest and most efficient wings of the great Protestant Church of this country. He was baptized into the Baptist Church

in 1816. Mr. Crim and wife have five children,—Axie C., Mary E., Absalom L., Azro C. and Sarah T. A. Axie died when but eighteen months old, and Mary was eleven years. Sarah T. A. was married to L. W. Robison, and died in her nineteenth year.

Azro was born in 1851, was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools of the neighborhood, and was married June 17, 1875, to Miss Maggie Hornaday, daughter of Ezekiel Hornaday. The result of their union is a daughter, Lillie E.

In 1876 Mr. Crim began working in the carpenter and joiner business, and is now prominent in these trades and is doing a good business in the prosperous town of Sellersburg.

Mr. Littell, the father of Mrs. Crim, was quite a prominent man in the early settlement of Clark county. He was a surveyor, and made a map of Clark's Grant of land. He acted as a justice of the peace of his township for many years. He died May 11, 1862, in the seventy-fourth year of age. Absalom L., our subject's second son, was born in 1859, raised on a farm, educated in the common schools of his township, and also went to school in Lexington, Ky., and attended Bible College, and studied for the ministry of the Christian Church, and has labored in that cause for three years past. Was married in 1879 to Miss Maggie Allen, daughter of George Allen, and have as the result of their union three living children,—Jesse W., Archie E. and Esda A.

REUBEN DAILEY was born in Middlesex county, England, March 6, 1844, and is a son of Nicholas A. and Hannah Dailey. He was one of a family of nine children—eight boys and one girl. The family came to America in 1848, and lived variously at

Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Newport, Ky. After the breaking out of the war he enlisted in Co. F., Fifth Ohio Infantry, and served three years and two months.

He commenced as a journalist in 1865, in Memphis, Tenn., which he continued about three and a half years, when he severed his connection with the press there and came to Louisville. In 1869 he became reporter of the *Courier-Journal* for New Albany and Jeffersonville. He read law for a period of eighteen months, and then bought the *Democrat*, of Jeffersonville.

In November, 1872, he started the *Evening News* in a hand-bill form, about 6x10 inches. It was the first daily paper published in Jeffersonville, and is still conducted by Mr. Dailey. He was married December 26, 1865, to Miss Ann Eliza Devinney, at Newport, Ky. They have two children living.

DANIEL DOUGHERTY was born in Ireland, February 6, 1840. He was brought to the United States in 1849, by his parents, who emigrated to this country at that time, and located in the city of Louisville, Ky. He attended the public schools in Louisville until he arrived at the age of sixteen years, when he was apprenticed to learn the plumbing business, but before he had completed his time the firm with whom he had engaged went to St. Louis, Mo., and he went with them and remained with them until he had completed his trade. He then returned to Louisville, and in 1859 took a position as engineer and general mechanic at the Louisville Chemical Works. In this occupation he continued about four years. In 1863 a large hospital for sick and wounded soldiers was established by the Government on the Ohio river, above the city of Jeffersonville, and Mr. Dougherty did the plumbing work for

the Government. After that work was completed, he was sent to Nashville, Tenn., employed in the same kind of work for the Government. Remaining there only a short time he returned to the city of Louisville, and in 1864 went to work for the Louisville Gas Company. In 1865, at the close of the war, he went to Huntsville, Ala., and accepted a position as superintendent of the water works of that city, which he held for one year, when he again returned to Louisville, and took employment under the Gas Company, which he held for about six years. In 1872 he was induced to accept of the position of superintendent of the Gas Works at Bowling Green, and removed to that city. He remained there, in that position over seven years, when he resigned it. In the fall of 1881 he came to Jeffersonville and took charge, as superintendent, of the Jeffersonville Gas Works, and has continued as such ever since.

He is the son of John and Mary (Mullens) Dougherty, both natives of Ireland. His father died in 1873, at the age of seventy-two years. His mother died in 1857, at the age of fifty-four years.

Mr. Dougherty was married in 1864 to Miss Ellen McCarthy, of Louisville, Ky., daughter of Dennis McCarthy. They have eight children, three boys and five girls—Maggie E., Daniel J., Mary Adell, Laurence, Benjamin, Annie E., Clara and Grace. He and his household are members of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Rev. Ernest Andran, rector.

LAURENT AUGUSTUS DOUGLAS was born in the city of New Albany, Floyd county, Ind., October 15, 1857. He is the son of Laurent C. Douglas, a native of the State of Connecticut, and Charlotte W. (Lampton) Douglas, a native of Jefferson-

ville, and daughter of Capt. Geo. W. Lampton, a distinguished steamboat captain and river man, an old and highly respected and esteemed citizen of the city of Jeffersonville. He was a native of Culpeper county, Va., and came to Louisville, Ky., with his uncle Mark Lampton at an early day and settled there. He was captain on the river for many years, and was owner as well as master of the steamboat Echo. He died in the city of Jeffersonville. He represented the First Ward of Jeffersonville in the City Council for six years, from 1859 to 1865.

Laurent A. Douglas' father removed to the city of Jeffersonville, and brought his family with him, and here he obtained his education in the public schools of the city. He read law in the law office of Col. James B. Merriwether, in Jeffersonville, and then entered the Law Department of the Louisville University, from which he graduated in the spring of 1883. He immediately opened an office and began the practice of law in the courts of the county. Taken into consideration the fact that, in entering the list for a share of the legal business of the county, he was met at the threshold with old and established practitioners as rivals in business, he has succeeded well and has established himself as a safe and reliable attorney who may be safely intrusted with any intricate or difficult law matters for settlement. He has associated with him William D. Marshall, and they are now practicing in the courts under the firm name of Douglas & Marshall.

Mr. Douglas was married to Miss Caroline E. Fessler, of the city of Madison, December 6, 1883, and two children are the result of the union.

He is an honored member of the Order of the Knights of Pythias and has held all

the offices in the Lodge, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

H. D. DOW was born in this (Clark) county, April 19, 1824, and is a son of Henry and Mercy (Kinney) Dow, natives of Connecticut, the former born in Plainfield, Conn., May 13, 1794, came to Indiana in 1818, and settled in this county, and engaged in farming. He served several years as town trustee—was a soldier in the war of 1812, and a corporal. He died in 1873, at an advanced age. Mercy Dow died in July, 1874. His father, Henry Dow, came to Indiana, was a farmer, ran a carding machine for many years. Under the old militia laws of the State, he was captain of a company. He died in 1841. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools. He farmed until two years ago, when, in company with Mr. Geo. W. Martin, he erected a mill for sawing, making boxes, and grinding corn meal, under the firm of Dow & Martin. He was married in 1844 to Elizabeth A. Baggerly, a daughter of Jonathan A. Baggerly, of Jefferson county, Ky. He was a farmer, and came to this State in 1818, and settled in this county. His wife, Cassandre Bailey, was a native of Shelbyville, Ky. They had nine children, six of whom are living, viz: Laura A., Milburn, George W., Alice, Mary A. and Lizzie C. Subject's father had nine children, viz: Hannah, Martha E., Lucy, Sallie N., Rhoda, Lyda, Rebecca, James, Emily and H. D., the subject of this sketch. Lucy, Rhoda and Emily are now deceased. Mr. Dow is a member of the Christian Church and of the Republican party. He rented his farm in 1888, and formed a partnership with George W. Martin in the manufacturing of lumber, etc. The firm is Dow & Martin, New Providence, Ind.



JUDGE CHARLES P. FERGUSON, a native of Indiana, was born on his father's farm, two and a half miles from the town and the old county-seat of Clark county, Charlestown, on the 10th November, 1824. His father, Benjamin Ferguson, was a Virginian by birth, a lawyer by profession, and came to Clark county at an early day in its history, and practiced his profession, often serving as a member of the State legislature and was elected Associate Judge of the county. Under the old constitution there were two Associate Judges elected for each county, who occupied the Bench with the Circuit, or President Judge, whom he consulted in relation to his decisions.

Judge Benjamin Ferguson held this position for seven years, having in 1820 removed to his farm near the Ohio river, where the present Judge Ferguson was afterward born. He was a great student and gave much of his time to books.

Judge Ferguson's mother was Sarah Hay, a native of Clark county and the daughter of Samuel Hay, who was appointed by Governor Harrison, in the organization of the first court in Clark county, in 1801, its first sheriff and assisted in organizing the first court in Clark county, which met in solemn conclave at the county seat, at Springville, on the 7th day of April, 1801, as the court of general quarter sessions of the peace. He was a South Carolinian by birth. The descendants of this first sheriff of Clark county are numerous and some of them stand very high in community. The last sheriff of Clark county, Charles S. Hay, is a grandson of the first sheriff, Samuel Hay.

Judge Charles P. Ferguson was principally educated in the high schools of Charles town. His first occupation was in a printing office and for a short time was a teacher in the county seminary. At the session of

1845-6 of our State legislature he received an appointment of assistant to the clerk of House of Representatives, and spent the winter at Indianapolis during the session.

Returning home to become deputy clerk to Eli McCauley, clerk of the Clark Circuit Court, and read law at the same time. Upon examination was admitted to practice in the Clark county courts. He continued to act as deputy clerk until 1850, when he was elected clerk as the successor to his chief, who was not a candidate. He was re-elected to be his own successor at the end of his first term, the former clerk, Mr. McCauley, being also a candidate. After retiring from the clerk's office he engaged actively in the practice of the law and soon had a large and growing practice.

In 1860 he was elected a State Senator from the Senatorial District composed of the counties of Clark and Scott, and served the State in that capacity for four years,—four of the most eventful years that ever occurred to this, or in fact to any other, nation in the history of the world; four years of rebellion and civil war on a gigantic scale. Indiana played a leading part in that grand event, and Judge Ferguson, as one of her Senators, assisted in the work.

The Judge all this time, except during the sittings of the Legislature, devoted himself to the practice of the law until 1873, when he was elected Common Pleas Judge to serve four years, but after serving a few months the office was abolished and its duties merged into that of the Circuit Judge. He again returned to the practice of the law, and associated with him a rising young lawyer of ability and prominence, James K. Marsh, Esq., who had been Prosecuting Attorney for the Judicial Circuit for a number of years.

The firm of Ferguson & Marsh was a strong team, and they got a large practice. This continued until 1880, when Judge Ferguson was elected Judge of the Clark Circuit Court for a term of six years, which expired in 1886, when he was again elected to be his own successor, which term will not expire until 1892. It is a most difficult because a delicate matter to write the true history of a living man, giving to the public a full and true statement of his mental, moral and social standing in the community in which he lives. There is danger of being accused of fulsome flattery on the one side, or of detraction from bias or prejudice on the other. But this much can be said of Judge Ferguson, without any fear of the imputation of unworthy motives: He is an honest Judge and the people's rights are safe in his hands. He may not be as brilliant as some; not so ready to pronounce judgment in a case upon the evidence presented. He is patient in investigation and, it may be, slow to arrive at conclusions, but when he does his judgment is very apt to be correct and stand the test of a review by a higher court of appeals. But perhaps the best test of the public appreciation of Judge Ferguson's ability as a Judge and his great moral and social standing in his Judicial Circuit, at the command of his biographer, is to refer his readers to the simple fact that after serving them one full term for six years the people re-elected him for six more, over one of the oldest and most popular lawyers and an old predecessor and ex-member of Congress, by a largely increased majority. Let this fact suffice for the present, and let the people's judgment stand until the people themselves shall reverse it.

Judge Ferguson was, on the 28th of November, 1851, married to Miss Samantha Henderson, a daughter of Thomas W. Henderson, of Charlestown, Ind., a native of the

State of Kentucky and a manufacturer of truss hoops for coopers. The Judge's good wife has borne him seven children, six boys and one girl,—Charles S., who is the Jeffersonville correspondent for the Louisville *Courier-Journal*; Walter H., conductor on the Louisville, St. Louis & Texas; Harry T., book-keeper at the First National Bank, Jeffersonville; John D., Deputy in the Clerk's office of the Clark Circuit Court; Otto W., at Williamsburg, Ky., in a law office; Howard G., in Citizens' National Bank; Mamie, at home attending school.

DR. WILLIAM D. FOUTS was born in Lexington, Scott county, Ind., October 7, 1832. He was the son of Angus and Mary (Bowels) Fouts. His father, Angus Fouts, was a native of the State of North Carolina. His father's family were of German origin, and his father was a farmer and emigrated to this State and located in Scott county in 1826, and continued to reside there until 1851, when he died. His mother's father, Wm. Bowels, was also an early settler in Scott county. Dr. Fouts, like other boys of that early age, was sent to such common schools as were taught in the village until he became advanced and was sent to the New Washington Seminary in Clark county. After completing his literary education there, at the age of nineteen he commenced reading medicine under the instruction of Dr. A. A. Morrison, of Lexington. After finishing the preparatory course with Dr. Morrison in 1847, he entered the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, and at the end of the second course graduated with honor. In 1852 he began the practice of his profession at Lexington, Ind., and continued in that practice until 1862, when he joined the 81st Reg. Ind. Vols. as Assistant Surgeon, and was afterward promoted to that of Chief Surgeon. Served

eighteen months as Chief Surgeon to the Regiment, serving in all three years. At the battle of Chickamauga he was captured and sent as prisoner of war to that celebrated Libby prison at Richmond, Va., where he was confined five months and fifteen days. At the close of the war he returned to his old home, Lexington, and recommenced the practice of medicine. He remained in his practice there until 1871, when he removed to Jeffersonville, and commenced practice there, and has remained in that city ever since, with a constant increase of practice until he has the largest of any doctor in the city. He is a member of the City Council from the second ward and is now serving out his fourth term; he is now serving as chairman of two of the most important committees, that of Fire Department and on Railroads. In 1885 he was appointed by the Pension Bureau as a Pension Examiner, and is still on that Board. He is Surgeon for the J. M. & I. Railroad Company and for the Ohio Falls Car Company.

He was married to Miss Ellen Louchran, of Lexington, Ind. Of their children, only one son, Dr. William K. Fouts, is living, who is now in partnership with his father in the practice of medicine. He is a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Dr. Fouts stands in high esteem in the community in which he lives and is respected by all who know him.

JACOB S. FRY is a native of Clark county, Ind., was born Nov. 27, 1844, and was brought up on a farm in Utica township, where he received such education as the public schools of that township, at that time, afforded. Afterward he attended the High School in the city of New Albany.

He continued to live on the farm until 1888, when he came to the city of Jeffersonville and engaged in the grain and feed business under the firm name of J. S. Fry & Co., in which business he is still engaged. Mr. Fry was a farmer all his life, until in 1882 he was nominated by the Democratic party of his county as the candidate for County Treasurer, and was elected. Again in 1884 he was re-elected, and served in that capacity for four years, and retired in honor from his office. Mr. Fry owns one of the finest and most valuable farms in Utica township, the township of fine farms, of 250 acres of choice land, well stocked and improved, which of itself is a fortune to any man who knows how to handle it. He is a large landholder in the State of Kansas, owning there a thousand acres of fine land. He owns valuable property in the city of Jeffersonville. He built himself a fine frame residence in the north end of the city, in which he now resides. He is one of the most substantial men in his county. As a farmer he was one of the largest and most successful, in connection with which he traded largely in buying and selling stock and made much money. He is considered one of the wealthy men of his county. Mr. Fry is the son of John and Sarah E. (Swartz) Fry. His father was a native of Jefferson county, Ky., and came to Indiana about 1820. He was a prominent farmer in Clark county, and died in 1886 at the age 83 years. His mother was a native of Clark county, Ind., and died in 1881, at the age of 78 years. He was married in 1866 to Miss Sarah E., daughter of W. Fletcher Robinson, a prominent farmer of Utica township. They have five children, all boys—John R., Otis, Arthur and Ellis H. Mr. Fry is an upright man, a good citizen, a member of the Christian Church, and is highly respected by all who know him.

There are but few, if any, better citizens than Jacob S. Fry.

DR. FRANKLIN R. M. GILBERT, Sr., was born in Hardin county, Ky., October 27, 1823. He came to Indiana with his father when only five years of age, and located on a farm in Jackson county in 1828. He remained on the farm in Jackson county until he was 19 years of age, when he went to live with his brother-in-law in Jefferson county, Ky., and there worked on a farm in the spring and summer and attended school in Louisville during the winter until 1844, when he returned to Jackson county and engaged in farming.

In 1849 he came to Jeffersonville and went into the grocery business and continued in it until 1858. He then pulled up stakes and moved to Cooper county, Mo., and engaged in farming until 1863, and while there, Little Jeff Davis' army camped upon his farm and cleaned him out completely—took his meat, grain and everything he had on his farm that was worth taking. After that he thought it about time to leave there; nor did he consider long the order of his going, but he pulled up and left at once, and again came back to old Jeffersonville. And there, looking round for something to do, he chose the livery business, and entered into that. He continued in it until 1874, when he again changed his location, this time to Indianapolis, as it was about that time enjoying a tremendous boom, and the bubble had not yet burst, which it did soon after.

In 1878 he came back to old Jeffersonville and again opened up a livery stable, and has continued here in the same business ever since. He is doing well, having built up a profitable trade, and keeps constantly on hand the best and handsomest turnouts in the city. He don't think now

that he will ever be induced to break up again to hunt a boom.

Mr. Gilbert was married in 1842 to Miss Elizabeth Jane Reynolds, of Pulaski county, Ky. She was born in Russell county, Ky., October 9, 1826. They have seven living children, four boys and three girls: Franklin R. M., Jr., James L., Theodore L., Aubry C., Cynthia, Laura and Holland.

During his long experience in the management and care of horses in connection with the livery business, he has by close observation and study acquired a practical knowledge of the diseases to which horses and cattle are subject, and the remedies best calculated to effect a cure. He has acquired quite a reputation in the community as a successful veterinarian in the care of sick animals.

JOHN A. GRAHAM is a native to the mauor born He was born in Clark county, Ind., March 28, 1853. His father, William Graham, was a prominent farmer near New Washington, in the upper or northeastern part of Clark county. He was a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., and emigrated to Indiana when quite a young man. He died May 11, 1873, at the age of fifty-five years. His mother, Catherine G. Graham, *nee* Patterson, is a native of Clark county, Ind., and is living with her children in Jeffersonville.

Mr. John A. Graham, after finishing his education and leaving school, became a partner in the firm of "Graham & Bro." in the drug business in the city of Jeffersonville. His partner was his brother, Dr. Thomas A. Graham. He and his brother continued together in the drug business, doing a large and prosperous business, until March 1, 1886, when he bought his brother's interest in the business, and became sole proprietor and owner of it.

The success in business which this firm has achieved in building up a large and flourishing trade in the city and surrounding country, is a practical illustration of what pluck and energy will do.

Mr. Graham was married May 11, 1886, to Miss Cora B. Fry, second daughter of Abraham Fry, a wealthy farmer of Utica township in Clark county, and a director in the First National Bank in the city of Jeffersonville. He became a communicant in the Presbyterian Church at an early age, and remains a member of that church in good standing. He is a member of Eureka Lodge No. 3, of the Knights of Honor, and served as treasurer of this Lodge for five years; and is treasurer of the Union Savings and Loan Association.

J. J. HAWS was born in Clark county, Ind., in the year 1838. His father Isaac Haws, was born in the State of New York in 1809, and came to Indiana with his parents when about fifteen years old, and settled in Clark county, where he has resided ever since. His mother was Elizabeth B. McGuire, daughter of Joseph McGuire.

Mr. Haws was raised on a farm, and brought up to do farm work from his earliest boyhood; and all the education he ever received was by attending the public schools taught during the winter months when farm work was slack. At the age of seven-teen he left the farm and went to railroad-ing and followed it for twenty-four years. Filled various positions on the trains; for the greater portion of that time that of conductor.

In 1879 he quit the railroad and went to merchandizing, and opened a general store in the town Memphis, twelve miles north of Jeffersonville, on the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad. He con-

tinued in the mercantile business, and in 1887 he launched out into a new business in this section and established what is known in the community as the Silver Creek Creamery, making some two hundred pounds of creamery butter daily. The business is yet in its infancy. He has sufficient capacity to manufacture a thousand pounds of creamery butter daily, and he expects in time to do it. He owns and operates a stove factory, a cooper shop and a saw-mill, and gives constant employment, in the various departments of his extensive business to a large number of hands. In addition to his other numerous and diversified businesses, he owns a farm of three hundred and sixty acres of well improved land. It will be seen and readily acknowledged that he is one of the most energetic and best business men in the county. Other men may have heaped up more money and may be considered richer, but Mr. Haws puts his money in such business as to give his neighbors and laboring men employment, and thus scatters blessings all around him. Such a man as J. J. Haws is a blessing to any community.

Mr. Haws was married on the 31st day of December, 1863, to Miss Mary B. Diets, daughter of Thompson Diets, a native of Indiana, but of German descent. No children have come into their home to bless them.

He has served the people of his township as Township Trustee, and as a good business man will always make a good public officer. Mr. Haws filled the office of Trustee in a manner creditable to himself and acceptable to the public.

GEORGE HOLZBOG is a native of Germany, born October 24, 1823. He came to the United States in 1849, and located in Louisville, Ky., remaining there

only two years, when in 1852 he removed to Jeffersonville, where he now resides, and started a blacksmith and wagon manufacturing establishment, having served an apprenticeship and thoroughly learned the blacksmith business in Germany. He has continued in the same business ever since.

He and his son, George H., whom he took in as a partner in the business in 1882, under the firm name of George Holzbog & Son, have built up a large manufacturing establishment, and are doing a large business.

He was married in 1854, in Jeffersonville, Ind., to Miss Fannie R. Schneck, of Germany. They have four living children, three boys and one girl: George H., Henry J., Alfred W. and Sophia. Sophia is married to William F. Siebert, Jr., of Jeffersonville, who is in the grocery business in Jeffersonville, Ind. Geo. H. Holzbog, his oldest son, is, as stated above, a partner in his father's business. The other two sons are still at home.

He is among the best class of our German-American citizens. It requires in any community just such citizens to build it up and make it prosperous. Jeffersonville would be greatly improved in its material industries, if it had many more just such men. He is an Odd Fellow, and he and his son, George H., are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**JONAS GEORGE HOWARD**, ex-member of Congress, third district, and lawyer at Jeffersonville, was born in Floyd County, near the then village of New Albany, May 22, 1825. His father, James Howard, was a substantial farmer of Clark county, Indiana, whither he had emigrated from Champlain county, Vermont, in 1816. His mother, Margaret (Helmer) Howard was a native of Herkimer county, New

York, where she removed with her parents to Indiana early in the history of the State. In the common and select schools, Mr. Howard obtained his early education. In his twentieth year he entered Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana, where three years he pursued a scientific course. He then read law with Mr. John F. Read, of Jeffersonville, and in 1851, received his certificate of graduation in the Law Department of the Indiana State University, at Bloomington, having previously taken one course in Law Department at the University of Louisville.

In 1852, Mr. Howard was admitted to the bar, and since time has devoted himself assiduously to the practice of his profession. His career as a lawyer has been marked with unqualified success; he ranks high as a counselor at the bar and is highly regarded by his associates in the profession. In numerous important cases he has been honored by an appointment from the Judge of his district to render judgment, and his decisions have always commanded the highest respect.

In 1862 and 1864 he was elected to represent his district in the State legislature, on the Democratic ticket. In 1868 he was chosen presidential elector, and bore an able and effective part in canvassing the State for the Democratic candidates. In 1876 he was again called upon to take a place on the electoral ticket, and again his voice was heard in the field in support of his candidates and their principles. He has always taken a lively interest in politics but has generally declined the cares of official positions, until in 1884 he was chosen by the Democratic party of the third congressional district as their candidate for congress and was accordingly elected at the November election following, and took his seat in the Forty-Ninth Congress, and was re-

elected to the Fiftieth Congress in 1886. As a member of Congress, Mr. Howard was a hard worker and supported every measure that he regarded was to the people's interest.

On November 23, 1854, Mr. Howard married Miss Martha J. Roswell, daughter of James and Drusilla Roswell, of Clark county, Ind. She died February 19, 1872, leaving three children. September 8, 1873, Mr. Howard married Miss Elizabeth Roswell, sister of his former wife, by whom he has one child.

COL. JOHN N. INGRAM was born in Jefferson county, Ind., Nov. 29, 1825. His father, James Ingram, was a native of Oldham county, Ky, and came over and settled in Jefferson county, Ind., in 1816, the year the State was admitted into the Union. His father was a prominent farmer of his county, and died in 1826, at the age of thirty-six years. His mother, Nancy (Austin) Ingram, died in 1866. Col. Ingram was brought up upon his father's farm, doing farm work and getting such education as was afforded by the common schools of the county at that time, during his boyhood days. After the battle of Palo Alto and Raseca de la Palma and the Congress had declared war against the Republic of Mexico in 1846, he entered as a private in Company G, in the Third Regiment of Indiana Volunteers for twelve months, under Col. James H. Lane. While in the service he was in the celebrated battle of Buena Vista, where old Santa Ana, the Mexican General, with his twenty-two thousand regular troops, was so gloriously whipped by less than one-fourth of that number of raw militia. This battle made General Taylor its commander and hero President in 1848. After he had served out his full time he was sent home with his

Regiment, and honorably discharged in 1847. At the time of his enlistment he was still an apprentice to the tanner's trade, and as soon as he was returned to civil life he went back and served out the full term of his apprenticeship. In 1848 he came to Jeffersonville and engaged in the tanning business, and has continued in that business until this time, and has succeeded fairly well in establishing a paying investment in it. His year's service in the Mexican war gave him a fancy for military service, and in 1859, two years before the Rebellion, he organized, and was elected its captain, a company of Independent Militia. In 1862, when it was thought that it was necessary to establish home protection against rebel raids, Col. Ingram was authorized by Gov. Morton to organize a regiment, to be known as the Indiana Legion, of which he was appointed colonel, so it will be seen that he is legitimately entitled to the honorable prefix of Colonel to his name. He has always been quite prominent in the management and administration of the municipal affairs of the city of Jeffersonville. He was elected in 1856 to the Common Council from the Second Ward and served two years. In 1865 he was elected a member of the Common Council from the First Ward and served two years, and again from the same ward from 1877 to 1879. He has always had the confidence of the people. He has always taken the greatest interest in the public schools of his city. He was elected school trustee in 1863, and has continuously held it ever since, by re-election every three years, and has been treasurer during most, if not all, of that time. He is also one of the trustees of the Walnut Ridge Cemetery. He is one of the charter members of Tabor Lodge, No. 92, I. O. O. F., and is also a member of the

Golden Cross. He is a member of the Wall Street Methodist Episcopal Church of his city, and is now, and has been for thirty years, one of its stewards. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for over forty-four years. Col. Ingram was married in 1850 to Miss Margaret E. McGonnigal, of Clark county, Ind. They have four living children,—James A., John D., Libbie and Ella. James A. is an employe in the Quarter Master's Depot in Jeffersonville, John D. is a clerk in the office of the Ohio Falls Car Company, Ella is the wife of Frank B. Willey of the firm of Coots & Willey, in the furniture and undertaking business. Daniel McGonnigal, the father of Mrs. Ingram, was born in 1800, and is now in the 89th year of his age. He resides in the family of Col. Ingram and has since the year 1863. He is hearty, and frequently walks to the city over a mile's distance. He cast his first presidential vote for General Jackson in 1824, when he was defeated by a combination of Adams and Clay, and has voted the Democratic ticket for every Democratic candidate since. He is a native of Pennsylvania and came to Indiana in 1834, and, being a carpenter and car builder, built the first car that ever ran over the J., M. & I. Road.

Col. Ingram is one of the very best citizens in the community where he resides. His heart is in the right place and his hand is ever open to the suffering and the needy.

WILLIAM S. JACOBS was born on his father's farm in Utica township, Clark county, Ind., Nov. 18, 1823, and lived there with his father and worked on the farm during the crop season. Was sent to the common school of his district. During the years 1846 and 1847 he attended Asbury University—now the DePauw Uni-

versity—at Greencastle, Ind. He was a classmate of Hon. Daniel W. Voorhees, who is now a United States Senator from the State of Indiana, and John W. Ray, of Indianapolis, who is treasurer of the DePauw University. After leaving school he returned home and taught a district school for two years. How many of our business men commenced life by teaching school until they acquired their profession or until something more promising in the way of profits turned up.

On November 19, 1847, the twenty-fourth anniversary of his birth, he was married to Miss Zerelda E. Thompson, the daughter of Joshua Thompson, one of the earliest settlers of Silver Creek township, and one of its most prominent farmers, and died at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Her mother was of the Redman family, who was of a prominent family in this county at that time. In the fall of 1848 he moved to Jeffersonville and engaged as a clerk for W. & H. Mabury, who were leading grocerymen here at that time and were active and prominent in getting the J., M. & I. Railroad here. He continued with this firm some eighteen months, after which, in 1850, he entered a copartnership with Benjamin F. Dyer and commenced the grocery business under the firm name of Jacobs & Dyer. This firm lasted and continued in business for ten and one-half years, when it dissolved and sold out to Meyers & Twomey.

At this time the War of the Rebellion was being waged with vigor, which necessitated a great deal of transferring of goods and materials of war between the two sections, and he thought he saw a good opening, and entered into the transfer business between the J., M. & I. Railroad and Louisville parties. He established an independent transfer of packet wagons line



between the railroads and Louisville and he did a big business, and made large profits. The transfer business continued good until after the construction of the Louisville and Jeffersonville bridge, when the cars were run over the bridge directly to Louisville. He, however, continued in the transfer business until 1875. In this year, on the 23d day of August, he bought out Leviston Patterson's coal business and went into that, and has been in it ever since, doing as large a coal business as any other firm in the city. Whatever Mr. Jacobs undertakes he gives it his close and vigilant attention, and he makes it a success.

He has but one living son, Emmons B. Jacobs, who is a clerk with him in the coal trade. He is a married man and resides in the city of Jeffersonville. He had a son, Charles R. Jacobs, who died in March, 1882, leaving a wife and a daughter. His son's widow was Jennie Smart and her daughter's name is Mary E. They are now residing at Indianapolis.

He is a member of the Methodist Church, and has been since he was sixteen years old. He is an active member of the Wall Street Church of this city, and has taken a prominent part in its success, having acted, for many years, as a member of its official board, and is now treasurer of the Wall Street Sunday-school. He has been a member of an Odd Fellows Lodge since 1851, and has been treasurer of his lodge for over thirty years, and was in consideration of their high appreciation of his services presented with a gold-headed cane by his lodge in 1871. He is also a member of Bain Commandery of the Golden Cross.

William S. Jacobs is a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Swartz) Jacobs, both of whom are natives of Clark county. His

Grandfather Jacobs was a native of the State of Maryland, but came from North Carolina to Clark county, Ind., in 1801, when the Great Northwest was yet little better than a vast wilderness. He was a brick moulder by trade, and he manufactured brick in Louisville, Ky., in 1801 and 1802. He died in 1824. He raised a large family of children, mostly boys, who settled on farms in Utica township, in the neighborhood where they were raised, making, of themselves, quite a settlement. His father, Solomon Jacobs, one of the large family of brothers, became a prominent farmer of the county and died in 1856 or 1857, at the age of 66 years. His mother, surviving her aged companion but a short time, died in 1858 or 1859, at the same age, that of 66 years. His Grandfather Swartz was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Indiana in 1812, and was a farmer of Utica township. He was killed by a runaway team, where Port Fulton, Ind., is now located, in 1824 or 1825. He was thrown from the saddle horse with such violence that he was killed. His father, Solomon Jacobs, was said to be a natural mechanic, and was a local preacher in the Methodist Church. He would cultivate his farm during the week, and would preach to his neighbors on Sundays when the circuit preacher was not present. In those days the people were not accommodated with regular preaching of the gospel by the regular ministry, every service, every Sabbath. The itinerancy of the Methodist minister at that time was a reality, and the itinerants could only get round to their scattered charges sometimes only once a month, their circuits were so large, and local preaching became a religious necessity.

Mr. Jacobs is one of the foremost men of his city in the promotion of the inter-

ests of the city and the best interests of the community. He is a good business man and does business on the square.

JOHN ALBERT JENKINS was born in the city of New Albany, Ind., Floyd county, on the 12th of June, 1856. He is the son of John W. Jenkins and Mahala Jenkins, of Clark county, Ind., and of Breckenridge county, Ky. His grandfather Jenkins emigrated from Virginia to this county early in the present century.

He had served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and helped to achieve the independence of this country. He settled in Silver Creek township, near the present village of Hamburg. His father, John W. Jenkins, resided in the city of New Albany, where he carried on the shoemaker's trade, where he died in 1859.

Subsequently his family removed to Clark county, and lived on a farm near the town of Sellersburg, a village on the J., M. & I. R. R. about nine miles north of the city of Jeffersonville. In the public schools of Silver Creek township, and later in the public schools of the city of Jeffersonville, he acquired all the education he received. He resided in the territory of Dakota during the years 1879 and 1880.

On the 15th day of December, 1880, he was married to Miss Dollie Ogden, daughter of B. A. Ogden, Esq., of the city of Jeffersonville. Four children have been born to them, two of whom are living. In 1880 he went into the office, a clerk of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and remained in its employ until 1884. In that year he received the appointment of deputy, under John L. Delahunt, auditor of Clark county, and served in that capacity for one year, when he was appointed deputy under Charles S. Hay, sheriff of Clark county, and served in that office until at the April

election, 1885, he was elected township assessor for Jeffersonville township for four years, which after one year's service, he resigned to accept the office of deputy treasurer under A. W. Suntha, county treasurer, in which responsible position he is now employed.

Although Mr. Jenkins is yet a young man, he has established a reputation for honesty and strict integrity, and enjoys the respect of all who know him.

JOHN R. LANCASTER, Boot and Shoe Merchant on Spring street, Jeffersonville, was born in the northeast part of the State of Indiana, January 14, 1853. He was raised and worked on a farm until 1870, and during the winter months attended the public schools of his county, when he came to Jeffersonville and engaged as clerk in the boot and shoe store of S. Goldbach. He clerked for him six years, until he sold out the store to Calvin W. Prather, when he accepted a position with him in the same capacity, and continued with him for two years.

At the end of that time, in 1879, he formed a partnership with Jacob Loomis and opened up a shoe house in his present stand on Spring street, under the firm name of "Lancaster & Loomis." This firm continued in business until August, 1883, when it dissolved and closed out. In 1884 Mr. Lancaster again opened the boot and shoe business in the same old stand, and has continued there ever since, doing a good business; by close attention to his business and by honest, fair dealing he has established a large and profitable trade.

He is one of the promising young business men of his city, and his friends predict for him success as a merchant. He is the son of John and Sarah (Johnston) Lancaster. His father is a native Virginian and his mother

is a native of Indiana. They are now living in Cass county, Mo., where in 1876 they removed from Indiana.

Mr. Lancaster was married to Miss Sarah F. McCulloch, daughter of John McCulloch, a wealthy farmer of Jeffersonville township, Clark county. They have two children, both boys,—Edwin R. and Ralph J. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Presbyterian Church, and a worthy member of society. He is honored and respected by all who know him.

ROBERT B. LAUDER was born in Scotland, November 7, 1848, and came to the United States with his parents in 1856 and located in Jefferson county, Ind. He lived there with his parents, attending the common schools of his district until he went to Madison to learn the business of house carpenter and builder. After serving out his time as an apprentice, he continued to work at his trade in Madison until 1879, when he removed to Jeffersonville and went to work for the Ohio Falls Car Company, as a journeyman carpenter, in the passenger department, and in 1880 was appointed as foreman of the finishing department. He remained in that position until 1882, when he was appointed foreman of the erecting department and remained in that position until the closing down of the Car Works in 1884. During the suspension of work by the Car Company he left Jeffersonville, but in 1886, when the works were again started up, he returned and was appointed foreman of the cabinet and erecting work in the passenger department until 1887, when he was appointed superintendent of the passenger construction department, which position he now holds.

Mr. Lauder is a member of the order of

the Knights of Pythias. He was married in 1873 to Miss Alice Thompson, of Madison, Ind. She died in 1876, leaving two children, a boy and girl, William and Bertha, both of whom are still living. In 1882 he married the second time to Miss Luella Johnson, of Jeffersonville, Ind., and by this marriage he had two children, a girl (Luella) and boy, the boy being dead. He is the son of William and Ann (Shankland) Lauder, both natives of Scotland. They are both still living and are citizens of Jennings county, Ind.

WM. LEE was born on the 23d day of December, 1814, some two weeks before the final struggle for American Independence, which took place on the 8th day of January, 1815, and which resulted so gloriously to the American cause, a preliminary engagement took place between the forces in the field, resulting in driving back the enemy.

On this day and about this hour, in a sleepy, old fashioned hamlet, away up in the Old North State, named Concord, the county seat of Cabarrus county, a child was born, who was afterward christened William. His parents, James Lee and Mary (Barringer) Lee, were both natives of the same county and State, and resided in the neighborhood where they were born and raised. His father had been left an orphan during his boyhood, alone with his mother to support, his older brothers and sisters having married and left the parent roof-tree. But with a stout heart he met and overcame the difficulties which presented themselves, and supported himself and his mother until she was taken from him and transferred to another and a better home.

He was the youngest son of his father, James Lee, who had emigrated from Vir-

ginia before the breaking out of the War of the Revolution, and was a member of the celebrated Virginia Lee family, and was a soldier of the Revolution. He died some time during the nineties.

James Lee, the father of our subject, was born in November, 1787, and came into being the same year that the Convention finished its labors in enacting the present Federal Constitution, under which this Government had grown and prospered for one hundred years. Notwithstanding the fact that he only obtained three months' schooling, he was a well read and a well posted man upon all matters of general or public concern.

In 1808 he was married to Miss Mary Barringer, a daughter of John Barringer, a wealthy old German, of Cabarrus county, N. C. She was born March 23, 1793, and was raised there in the neighborhood. Some of her family have risen to and occupied high political stations in the country—Daniel Barringer, a cousin, having represented this Government both in Congress and as Minister to the Court of Madrid under Mr. Tyler's administration.

In 1816 his father, James Lee, having heard so much about the Great Northwest and especially the then Territory of Indiana as an opening home for young farmers, and, although having become a slave-owner himself to the extent of owning three slaves, a man and a woman and a boy, because he hated the institution and wanted to get away from it, he determined to sell off and remove to Indiana. He soon put this determination into execution, and, in October, 1816, he crossed the Ohio river at the Falls and landed in the settlement on the waters of Blue river, in the southern part of Washington county, about the 20th of October, only a short time before the Territory of Indiana passed into State-

hood and was admitted into the Union as a sovereign State, thus establishing the two remarkable coincidents in his life, that he was born with the Federal Constitution, and came to Indiana and there established his future home at the time of its birth and admittance as a sister State into the Union.

The trip from North Carolina over the Allegheny Mountains was made in packet wagons, and it took about four weeks to make it. William, our subject, was then a baby in arms and has no recollection of the events of that overland journey. His father hired or rented a farm belonging to Marston Green Clark and moved into a log cabin on it. This same Marston Green Clark, who was a relative in some degree of Gen. George Rogers Clark, had been a prominent man among the early settlers of Clark county; had been a member of the first court organized in that county in 1801; had been one of the commissioners appointed to lay off the town of Jeffersonville; was now a citizen of Washington county, residing about eight miles south of the town of Salem, the county-seat. On this farm his first dim recollections came to him. Here he remembers his baby sister who had come to them since their arrival in Indiana. Changes took place now, sickness and even death came to them, but all seems to pass before him like a panorama; event following event in quick succession.

Time passed on, and his early years were passed in familiar acquaintance with the trials, privations and labors of a pioneer life, and his early education was such as could be had in the log school-houses of that day.

When he had arrived at the age of sixteen, with a pretty good knowledge of arithmetic and a smattering of English grammar, his father sent him to the county seminary at Salem, under the instruction of

John I. Morrison, at that time and for many years afterward a leading educator of the State. He remained at the Washington county Seminary under his old tutor, Mr. Morrison, for a number of years studying all the scientific branches, the higher branches of mathematics and Latin, only taking a recess of one year when he was eighteen, during which he taught school.

After leaving school he taught two years in Martinsville, Morgan county, Indiana. He was, on his return home, employed as deputy clerk under Maj. Eli W. Malott, who was elected clerk of the Washington Circuit Court in 1838. In this position he continued until 1841, when he was elected the first auditor of Washington county, and served in that capacity until 1845. At the session of 1845-6 of the Legislature of the State he was elected warden of the Indiana State Prison at Jeffersonville, the duties of which he assumed on the 15th day of June, 1846, he having previously removed from Salem to Jeffersonville. After the expiration of his term of service as warden, in 1850, he was appointed assistant clerk in the United States House of Representatives at Washington, first under Judge James Young, Clerk of the House, and then under Col. John W. Forney, six years in all. During these six years, while mingling with members of Congress, he made the acquaintance of many of the distinguished men of ante-bellum days, both of the House and of the Senate. He came to the conclusion then, and is strongly of the same opinion now, that it is "distance that lends enchantment to the view," and that the so-called great men, when viewed from short range, are but men, and some of them very common at that.

A change of the officers of the House, made in consequence of a change in its political complexion at the opening of the 34th

Congress, in December, 1856, resulted in a new set of subordinates, and, with the others, Mr. Lee was removed. Mr. Guthrie, the then Secretary of the Treasury, gave him a clerkship under him in the First Auditor's office, which he filled until he resigned it in 1858 to accept the clerkship to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, under Hon. William H. English, its chairman. It was in this Congress that the great fight for the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution took place, and which was finally settled by the English compromise, as it was called, which was really nothing more than giving the people of Kansas a loophole through which to reject the Lecompton Constitution by simply voting for or against certain grants of land for certain purposes, and this election should determine the question of the admission or the rejection of the State under the Lecompton Constitution. But it settled the Lecompton Constitutional question for the time being and gave the country a short breathing spell.

In 1861 he was appointed by Governor Chase, Mr. Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury, a clerk in his office to sign greenbacks and demand treasury notes. These notes came from the engraver's in sheets of four in bundles of a thousand sheets, making four thousand notes to the bundle, requiring four thousand signatures each for the register's and treasurer's clerks. Some clerks could sign four thousand notes a day, but three thousand was a big average day's work. He has done some hard work as a clerk in his lifetime, but this work of signing his name continuously upon note after note thousands of times in a day was the hardest work in the clerking line he ever did.

Some thirty clerks were employed on this work but they could not produce the

greenbacks as fast as the Government needed them, so the signatures were engraved in the body of the bills and printed with them and the clerks were dispensed with for that service. From the Secretary's office Mr. Lee was transferred to the Second Auditor's office and set to auditing paymaster's accounts, and continued in that business until, in 1863, he was discharged because a Democrat, when he returned home.

In December, 1863, he took service as a clerk in the freight office of the J., M. & I. Railroad. In 1866 he was promoted to the position of cashier, and continued to discharge the responsible duties of that position until 1874, when a change in the system of accounting was adopted and he took another position, in which he continued until 1878, when he retired from railroad service.

In 1875 he was nominated by the Democrats as a candidate for Councilman for the First Ward, and was elected by forty majority over a prominent Republican. He served his constituents for two years, and for personal reasons declined to be a candidate for re-election. In the meantime, in June, 1876, he was elected by the City Council School Trustee, and served the city in that capacity, as President of the School Board, for three years, devoting much time to the improvement of the city schools. At the April election, 1882, he was elected a Justice of the Peace for Jeffersonville township, and was again re-elected in 1886, and now holds that humble but honorable position as a conservator of the peace of his county.

He was married on the 4th day of August, 1841, to Miss Kate Harryman, oldest daughter of Major Charles Harryman, of Washington county, Indiana, who had served one year as a Ranger during the

year 1812 in the Far West. He died in 1856. Her mother resided with her in Jeffersonville, and died April 1, 1882, aged 80 years.

Mr. Lee's father died in November, 1844, on his farm at Organ Springs, Washington county, aged 57 years, and his mother died in Jeffersonville, in the home of her son William, after long suffering and great affliction, September —, 1878, in the 85th year of her age.

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PROF. W. E. LUGENBEEL, principal of Borden Institute, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1854, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Harn) Lugenbeel, natives also of Maryland. The father of former and grandfather of subject, was William Lugenbeel, a soldier in the War of 1812.

The father's side of subject's family is of German extraction; mother's side is English and French. Prof. W. E. was educated at a private academy; then went to Lebanon, Ohio, and graduated in July, 1873, from the National Normal University. He then commenced teaching at Woodstock, Ohio, continuing only one year; then taught three years at Amo, Ind., and four years at several other places. He built up the Southern Indiana Normal College at Mitchell, Ind., and taught there eight years, and in March, 1888, he accepted Prof. Borden's liberal offer to take charge of Borden Institute, and is one the prominent young educators of the State.

He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Mitchell Lodge of Masons, and of K. of P.

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MICHAEL V. McCANN is a native of Baltimore, Md., being born in that city November 21, 1819. His father, Henry



*Mr. McCann.*





McCann, died when he was a small boy; his mother, Mary (Cunningham) McCann, died at the advanced age of 73 years.

Mr. McCann left Baltimore at the age of 12 years, and went to Boston, Mass., where he attended the common schools of that city and obtained a good common-school education. In 1840 he determined to seek his fortune in the great western country, and came to Cincinnati, Ohio, by stage, and was nine or ten days in making the trip. What a revolution in travel since 1840 has been wrought! That same trip can now be made in less than thirty hours. After arriving at Cincinnati, and looking round, he located and entered into the furniture business, which he followed until 1849, when he removed to Franklin county, Ind., and located on a farm near Brookville. He now became a granger and reveled in the beauties and pleasures of farm life for three years, when a change again came over the spirit of his dream, and he pulled up and removed to Louisville, Ky., where he remained for one year.

From Louisville he went to Jonesville, a village and station on the J. M., & I. R. R., in Bartholomew county, and there engaged in the mercantile business. In 1855 he removed from Jonesville to Henryville, a station on the J., M. & I. R. R. in Clark county, Ind., about twenty-one miles from Jeffersonville, and there engaged the same as in Jonesville, in the mercantile business. While in business at Henryville, he was in 1866 nominated and elected Auditor of Clark county, by the Democratic party, and in 1870 he was again elected to succeed himself. This caused him to remove to Charlestown, the then county-seat of Clark county. It is not necessary to say anything about the manner in which he performed the duties of his office, as his re-election is a sufficient answer to that question.

He was succeeded in the Auditor's office by his son, Charles A. McCann, who had been one of his efficient deputies during his incumbency of the office. At the end of his four years' service, Charles A. McCann retired, refusing to again stand for re-election. It was during his son's term as Auditor that the great wrangle over the removal of the county seat from Charlestown to Jeffersonville took place.

In this contest much feeling and bitterness between sections and individuals were engendered, and all other questions were made subordinate to that. When he saw what the result must be, that it would certainly be removed to Jeffersonville, he sold out all his interests in Charlestown, and located in the city of Jeffersonville and engaged in the coal business, and has continued in it ever since.

He was married to Miss Mary Cowin, of Cincinnati, in 1843, who is still living. They have been blessed with seven children, five girls and two boys, to wit: Charles A., Henry, Amelia F., Mollie E., Florence E., Emma and Grace L. Charles A. McCann is in the wholesale grocery business in Springfield, Mo.; Henry McCann is in Orange county, Fla., where he owns an orange grove. Mollie E. is the wife of the Hon. Frank B. Burke, a lawyer by profession, and is now joint senator, representing in the State Senate the counties of Clark, Scott and Jennings. The rest of the girls are all at home with their parents.

It will add but little force to what has already been said, to say which is manifest that Mr. McCann is one of our most substantial and trusted citizens, and stands high as a business man and merchant. He is a Democrat among Democrats, ever ready to do all that he can to promote the cause of the Democracy and the success of his party.

**JAMES HARVEY McCAMPBELL.** About three miles back of the Ohio river, and some twelve miles northeast of the Ohio Falls stands the beautiful town of Charlestown. It is one of the oldest towns in southern Indiana, having been settled early in the present century. It was, at an early day, established as the county-seat of Clark county, the second organized county in the Indiana Territory. It became at an early day, distinguished for the culture and refinement of its inhabitants, its churches and its schools. It was here that James Harvey McCampbell was born on the 31st day of January, 1817. His father, Samuel McCampbell, emigrated from Rockbridge county, Va., at an early day, and located in the town of Charlestown. He was a tanner by trade and engaged in that business, and James Harvey worked in his father's tanyard while he remained at home, attending school during the winter months, acquiring such common-school education as was to be obtained at the schools then taught in Charlestown. At an early age he became distinguished among his school associates and his teachers for his accuracy and arithmetic, and the beauty of his handwriting.

In 1838, when he arrived at his majority, he left the paternal home and started out in the world to do for himself. Like many another youth, he had high hopes, and the world was all bright sunshine before him. He went from home to Jeffersonville, then a town of some three or four thousand inhabitants, situated at the head of the Ohio Falls, and engaged himself as a clerk in the dry goods store of Simon Bottorff. He remained with Mr. Bottorff two years, when in September, 1840, he went into partnership with John D. Woodburn in the dry goods business, and opened a store in Jeffersonville. The firm of

Woodburn & McCampbell continued to do business until the financial crisis of 1846, when, in consequence of the large amounts credited out, upon which the firm could realize nothing, it was compelled to succumb. He then entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Waller L. Merriwether, in the drug business, and continued it until 1849, when he was chosen secretary and treasurer of the Jeffersonville & Indianapolis Railroad Company, and the partnership in the drug-store was dissolved, and he devoted all his time to the interest of the railroad. After the purchase of the Madison & Indianapolis Railroad by the Jeffersonville Road, and it became the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad, the offices of the secretary and treasurer became too arduous for one man to handle, and they were separated, and Mr. McCampbell became treasurer of the company. When the principal offices were removed to Pittsburgh, he was cashier for the road, and continued as such until he resigned in 1882, and severed his connection with the railroad, which he had served altogether thirty-three years.

In 1865, after the close of the war, he was largely instrumental, if not wholly so, in organizing the First National Bank of the city of Jeffersonville, and was elected its president, and retained the position until his death. Up to 1882 the management of the bank had been largely left in the hands of its cashier, when a reorganization of its affairs took place, and Mr. McCampbell resigned his position under the railroad, and assumed direct control of the affairs of the bank, as its chief executive officer. His administration of the financial affairs of the bank was able and efficient, and left it in a prosperous condition.

He served the city of Jeffersonville in

various capacities, as a member of the Common Council and as a member of the Board of School Trustees. In whatever capacity he was called to serve the public he did it well and conscientiously. He was the friend and patron of education. For many years he was a trustee of Hanover College, Indiana, and of Center College, Kentucky, and contributed largely to the support of each. He was a stockholder and director in the Ohio Falls Car Company, and was interested in other stock companies and material interests of our city.

On the 6th of October, 1840, he was married to Miss Letitia Merriwether, daughter of Samuel Merriwether, M. D., of Jeffersonville. Seven children were born to them, of whom four are still living: Rev. George Merriwether McCampbell, of Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y.; Mary, wife of Rev. J. K. Demerest, of Gettysburg, Pa.; Margaret Allen, wife of Henry Cole Smith, of N. Y. City; and Anna Walker, wife of Rev. J. M. Hutchison, of Jeffersonville.

Mr. McCampbell was an earnest, devoted Christian. He took a deep, personal interest in all that pertained to the building up and extension of the Church of Christ. Early in life he made a profession of his faith in Christ, uniting with the Presbyterian Church. On March 23, 1844, he was made a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville, in which church he continued to serve in that capacity until his death. For twenty years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school connected with this church, and after his resignation he continued to teach a class, and did so until the close of his life.

His death was sudden and unexpected. He had been suffering from cold, but there was nothing calculated to excite fear or apprehension of danger. On Saturday, the 11th of February, he did not arise as usual. By Monday his disease was pronounced pneumonia; he gradually grew worse until death came and relieved him, at 5 o'clock on Wednesday, the 15th day of February, 1888.

Mr. McCampbell was a loving and tender husband, a kind and indulgent father, a liberal and benevolent neighbor, a good and worthy citizen and a Christian gentleman. In his death the public have sustained a loss that will be difficult to repair. Upon the whole, Mr. McCampbell's life has been one of active labor and great usefulness. He was a live, active, energetic business man; he controlled large and important business interests which he dispatched rapidly and correctly. He was easily accessible, always ready and courteous to every demand made upon his time and patience. His friendships were of the warmest character, and for those whom he favored with friendship and confidence he was ready to render almost any service, no matter how exacting.

In his life he has demonstrated to the world how it is possible for a man to be an earnest, active worker in all humane and Christian enterprises and a systematic business man at the same time. He has demonstrated also to the world how a man may grow in business and yet keep his heart pure and his life unspotted from the world.

DENNIS MURPHY, a native of Water Grass Hill, County Cork, Ireland, was born September 28, 1840. He came to the United States, with his parents, in 1852, at the age of 12 years. Their first settlement in the new country was in the city of Boston, but owing to the fact that his father had six sons who had to be provided for, and the greater opening to secure employment, on account of the large manufacturing interests, in Milford, Mass., he moved there in 1853. It was in this manufacturing town that the subject of this sketch learned the trade of a shoemaker. He continued there working at his trade. Although a native of a foreign land, he loved his adopted country, and was a strong Union man, and when the War of the Rebellion broke out and the Southern States undertook to destroy the Union, he responded to the call of his country for volunteer soldiers, and early in 1862 he enlisted as a private in the 15th Massachusetts Infantry. He was sent immediately, with his regiment, to the front. In October, 1862, his regiment was engaged in the battle of Balls Bluff, Va., where he was dangerously wounded and was left on the field for dead. His regiment went into this battle with six hundred and twenty-three strong, and came out with only three hundred and ten, so terrible was the fire of the enemy which they encountered. He was captured while lying wounded upon the field of battle, and carried as a prisoner of war by the Confederate Army. He remained a prisoner until in March, 1863, when he was exchanged, and in the same month he was honorably discharged from the service on account of the wound he had sustained, and returned home to Milford, and continued to reside there until the year 1867, when he came west and located in Jeffersonville, Ind., and was employed at the Government depot,

where he remained nine years, until 1876, when he resigned his position and engaged in mercantile life in the same city. He continued in this business until the year 1885, when, in consequence of the wound which he had received in the head, at the battle of Balls Bluff, he was compelled to retire altogether from business, from the effects of which he died on the 15th of December, 1885, at the age of 46 years.

As a business man and as a merchant, Mr. Murphy was a success. He had built up and conducted one of the largest dry goods houses in the city, making one of our most successful business men. Had not his health failed him, as it did, in the very midst of his most prosperous career, he would undoubtedly have made his fortune.

He was a man of sterling worth. His intelligence, his stern integrity, and his moral courage commanded the respect of all who knew him; while his generous nature, his unassuming, gentle manners, his patriotic spirit made him warm personal friends wherever he went. He had a rare combination of virtues for one of his race, an Irishman, a Republican and a Prohibitionist, and he practiced all he preached. He was a member of the Order of the Knights of Pythias and of the G. A. R. His heart was in the right place. His hand was ever open to the demands of the needy and deserving poor.

He was married twice. He was married in 1870 to Miss Nannie Smith, of Jeffersonville. After but four short but happy years of wedded life she died and left him no children. His second venture in matrimonial line was Miss Sallie J. Bottorff, a daughter of Henry and Teresa Bottorff, of Clark county, Ind. It has been said that true marriages are made in heaven. If that poetic idea be true, the match between this couple must have had a celestial



*Dennis Murphy*



origin, for a happier couple than they never existed in this world. This time the husband was taken, and the wife left to the lonely life of a widow. She resides in her beautiful residence, "Inmur View," on Spring Hill, in the north of the city, where she cherishes the memory of her late husband, and devotes her time to the rearing and educating of her sister's children.

SAMUEL D. OGLESBY was born in Jefferson county, Ky., December 10, 1847. His parents removed from Kentucky when he was only five years old, and located on a farm near Jeffersonville, in Clark county, Ind. He continued to reside on the old place until 1874, when he married Miss Mary A., daughter of Robert A. Walford, who was a prominent farmer of the county and died in 1876. After he married he removed to the town of Port Fulton, where he continued to reside until he purchased his present beautiful home in the city of Jeffersonville and removed to it in 1888. Previous to this time he had acted as one of the township assessors for several years to the entire satisfaction of the public. While a citizen of the town of Port Fulton he served in the capacity of town trustee and school trustee for several terms each. Previous to his removal to the city, in 1888, after being nominated by the Democratic party for the position, he was elected township trustee of Jeffersonville township. About this time he formed a partnership with Jerome B. Dustin, bought out Jos. L. Guersney, and entered into the wholesale and retail grain and feed business. He continued in this business until 1887, when he sold out to Jacob S. Fry & Co., and retired from the business in order to give more time and closer attention to the duties of his office. At the April election, 1888, he was re-elected to the office of township

trustee without opposition, and is now occupying the office and devoting his whole time to its duties. He has given much care and attention to the township schools and they are second to none in the county, or in the State for that matter, outside of the towns and cities. Mr. Oglesby is a member of Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, of the I. O. O. F., of Jeffersonville. He is a member and an officer of the Christian Church, and stands high in that progressive body of Christian workers. He is surrounded by the comforts of life, living in a new home, blessed with a good wife and five living children, one boy and four girls,—Thomas W., Alma, Minnie, Bessie and Alice. Besides his home he owns property in Port Fulton and seventy-one acres of choice bottom land in a high state of cultivation. He is the son of Thomas B. and Mary De Haven Oglesby, who were natives of Kentucky. They came to this State in 1852, and located in this township, where they continued to reside until in 1877 he died at the age of sixty-eight years. His mother is still living at the old homestead, far advanced in years. Outside of the routine duties of township trustee, as overseer of the poor and looking after the public roads and highways, he is made by law ex-officio school trustee for the township. Besides the important duty of looking after the school interests of the children of the township, the township library is placed in his care and keeping. Mr. Oglesby has devoted much time in building up the township library. He has added many new books to its catalogue and the old ones have been repaired and kept arranged in order so that it is a credit to the township and to the city in which it is located.

CHRISTOPHER PEACELEY, the recorder of Clark county, was born in the

city of Jeffersonville, in said county, August 29, 1838. His father, Christopher Peaceley, native of Ireland, and his mother, Clarissa (Gunn) Peaceley, native of Scotland, and emigrated to the United States, and located in Jeffersonville among its early settlers.

His father was a shoemaker by trade. He was the second mayor of Jeffersonville. He served as justice of the peace twenty-six years. He has been dead over thirty years.

Mr. Chris Peaceley is the only living son, and one sister, Mrs. G. A. Hull, of California, is living. Mr. Hull is a captain in the United States army. Mr. Peaceley was educated in the public schools in the city of Louisville, Ky. After he left school he went into a printing office to learn the printer's trade. He worked at the printer's case at various places for some fourteen years. In April, 1862, he enlisted in the Forty-Ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. Remained in the service for three years. Was wounded by the guerrillas at Lexington, Ky., by which he lost his foot. After the war he returned to Jeffersonville, and was employed in the quartermaster's depot for seven years, up to 1876.

He was, at the death of Evan Shelby, the county recorder, appointed to fill the vacancy by the board of county commissioners, until the next general election, when a successor would be elected and qualified. At the November election, in 1886, he was elected to fill the vacancy for four years, ending 1890.

Was married in 1869 to Miss Anna Carter, of Jeffersonville, daughter of Sparrow Carter, railroad conductor. He is a member of the G. A. R., K. of P., American Legion of Honor, and the Ladies and Knights of Honor.

DAVID C. PEYTON, M. D., is a native of Clark county. He was born October 12, 1860, near the old town of Charlestown, on Silver Creek. His parents, John M. and Susan Peyton, were also natives of Clark county and were to the manor born. His grandfather, Daniel Peyton, was a native of the Old Dominion, and emigrated to the then Great Northwest Territory and settled in Clark county some time about 1800, and was a captain in the militia in the early wars with the Indians. His Grandfather Clark was Scotch-Irish, and came from Scotland and settled near Jeffersonville. The father of Dr. Peyton was a farmer, born on June 29, 1816, and died on June 27, 1882.

The Doctor was the youngest child of seven sons and one daughter. His mother is still living, and resides at the old homestead, where he was raised, and labored and went to school during the Winter sessions and obtained such education as could be acquired in such an irregular manner. At the age of twenty he began to read medicine with Dr. J. M. Reynolds, of Memphis, in this county. He took his first medical course at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, in 1882, and commenced the practice of his profession in 1883, at Utica, in Clark county, and practiced there about one year and then moved to Charlestown, where he remained about a year engaged in the drug business in connection with his practice. He then went to the town of Henryville, in Monroe township, Clark county, and remained there until the Fall of 1885, when he entered the University of Louisville, from which he graduated in the Spring of 1886. In March after his graduation, he located in the city of Jeffersonville, where he has remained ever since, where he has met with the most gratifying success in his profes-



sion. He has been elected by the City Council as a member of the City Board of Health three successive terms, and is now president of the Clark County Board of Health, member of the Clark County Medical Society, and American Medical Association, is assistant to the Principles and Practice of the Chair of Surgery in the Kentucky School of Medicine, with Prof. J. Mathews, of Louisville. Dr. Peyton, by industry and honest endeavor, has established for himself a high reputation as a skillful and safe practitioner, and bids fair to become a shining light in his profession.

He was married, June 2, 1883, to Miss Retta Hay, a sister of Sheriff Charles S. Hay, of Clark county, and a daughter of Geo. W. and Susan Hay, of Charlestown, Ind. So far they have not been blessed with children.

GEORGE PFAU was born in Germany on the 18th of August, 1839. He came to the United States in 1854, and located in Jeffersonville in 1856. He learned the barber's trade, which he followed, doing a good business until 1870, when he quit that business and went into the manufacture of lard oil and general lubricating oils. His business is an example of what pluck and energy will accomplish. He began with a small capital and in a small way, and by industry and close application to business, it has constantly grown and become extended, until now he has a large factory and doing a large business, having an extensive trade all over the South, with orders beyond his capacity to fill as fast as wanted.

He was married to Miss Barbara Fuhman, of Jeffersonville, in 1859, and they have seven children born to them, four boys and three girls: George, Willie, Alfred, Clarence, Annie, Minnie and Lillie. He took

George in as a partner in his business on the first of October last.

Mr. Pfau was elected a member of the school board of his city in 1881, and served until 1884. He was again elected to the same office in 1886, and is now a member of that body. As a German-American citizen he takes great interest in the efficiency and success of the public schools of his city.

In 1888 he was unanimously nominated by the Republican party as their candidate for Joint Senator for the counties of Clark, Scott and Jennings. He had for his competitor Hon. Frank B. Burke, of Jeffersonville, Ind. Although the Democratic majority in the three counties is pretty large, he was only beaten less than a hundred votes, having run ahead of his party in Clark, his own county, over two hundred votes.

He is a member of the Masonic Order, and of the Odd Fellows, and of the Knight Templars. He is a member of the German Reformed Church, and one of its Trustees. He is one of the directors in the Citizens' National Bank, and has been a director in the German Savings and Loan Association ever since its organization, about eighteen years.

Mr. Pfau is one of the best German-American citizens of his city. He has risen from very humble circumstances to an honorable position, and has won recognition among the highest and best class of his fellow-citizens. He has made himself worthy of all commendation.

THOMAS B. RADER is a native of Henryville, Clark county, Ind., and was born on the 25th day of December, 1859, and was brought up in his native village receiving such education as the common schools there afforded. He commenced

teaching school at an early age, having taught a district school at the age of 16, and continued to teach a district school for five consecutive years, when he was appointed deputy under Dr. H. H. Ferguson, County Treasurer of Clark county. In this capacity he served for four years, when Dr. Ferguson retired from the office and Jacob S. Fry became County Treasurer, which was in 1883. He then accepted a position as clerk in the Auditor's office of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company in Louisville, which position he held until the spring of 1888, when he resigned it to go into business for himself in the city of Jeffersonville, that of real estate and insurance agency. Mr. Rader has embarked in this business with a determination to make a success of it. If energy and enterprise, backed by a strong will and determination avail anything, he will succeed in building up a business that will be an honor to the city and profitable to himself. We are sure that he has the hearty good will for his success of every man whose good will is worth having.

He is a member of the lodge of the K. of P. and a member of the American Legion of Honor, and is secretary of the Citizens' Loan Association. He was married on the 8th of May, 1880, to Miss Lotta Butterfoss, of Jeffersonville. The union is blessed with three nice boys, Thomas L., Ralph and Claud G. His father, Commodore B. Rader, is a native of Kentucky, and his mother, Mary (Bogle) Rader, is a native of Pennsylvania; she died in 1876, at the age of 41 years. When his father came to Indiana he was only a boy and was engaged in the saw-mill business for a number of years.

CHARLES RUEHL was born in the city of Jeffersonville, Clark county, Ind., July

22, 1860. He was brought up in the city of his birth and attended the public schools until he was taken from school and placed as a clerk in his father's grocery, and remained there until 1873, when he left his father and engaged himself as a traveling salesman for Kesler, Koch & Co., of Louisville. He traveled for this firm for four and a half years. Becoming weary of traveling around all the time, in 1888 he started in the grocery business for himself, and opened at No. 147 Spring street, Jeffersonville, Ind., and has no cause to regret the change. Owing to his many friends and his close attention to business, and the exercise of prudence and good judgment in extending credit, he has built up a large and prosperous trade.

Mr. Ruehl was married in 1881 to Miss Clara Schultz, daughter of John Schultz, a merchant tailor of Jeffersonville, who was appointed Inspector of Clothing at the Quartermaster's Depot, in Jeffersonville, on the 1st of October, 1888, but it not suiting him, he resigned his position, to take effect the 1st of January, 1889. They have two children, a boy and a girl, Charles A. and Mabel M.

He is the son of John and Johanna (Leir) Ruehl, both natives of Germany, and came to the United States in 1847, and first located in Louisville, Ky., where they were married, and came to Jeffersonville in 1856, and in 1858 engaged in the grocery business and continued in that business until 1884, when he retired from business, and is now living a retired life. His mother died in 1879, at the age of 53 years.

Mr. Ruehl is a member of the order of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and of the German Evangelical Reformed St. Lucas Church. He is a quiet, gentle and unassuming citizen. His honesty and integrity as a merchant stand unimpeached, and as

a man and a citizen he commands universal respect from all who know him.

DR. ISAAC N. RUDELL is a native of Clark county, Ind. He was born on his father's farm near New Market, on the 6th day of June, 1857. He is the son of Alexander T. and Kate (Haymaker) Ruddell, both of whom are also natives of the county. His grandfather, William Ruddell, was born near the little town of Utica, and was one of the earliest merchants of the city of Jeffersonville. His great grandfather was a Virginian by birth, and came to the Northwest Territory at quite an early day and settled in Clark county.

He was a Methodist preacher, and would often leave the plow to go to fill an engagement to preach, seeming to consider the cultivation of souls and preparing them for Heaven was of more importance than the cultivation of corn for man's temporal wants. Grandfather John Haymaker came from Jefferson county, across the Ohio river, and settled in Clark county. Our subject's father is still living upon his farm. A great deal of his life has been spent in the mercantile business at the town of Charlestown in this county.

Dr. Isaac N. Ruddell passed his boyhood upon his father's farm, and did his share on the farm, as farmers' sons usually do. He was educated at the Charlestown schools and spent a while at Asbury University, but graduated in 1878 from the Barnett Academy, at Charlestown, Ind. He commenced his studies of medicine with Dr. Thomas A. Graham, of the city of Jeffersonville. He entered the Medical Department of the Louisville University and took a thorough course, and graduated on the 25th February, 1881.

He immediately stuck out his shingle and

commenced the practice of his profession in Jeffersonville. He was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to do the pauper practice for the city and township of Jeffersonville. He has, by close application to his profession and by generous and fair dealing, built up for himself a good practice, and it is only fair to predict, if he continues in the same line, that at no distant day he will stand among the foremost of his profession.

He was married on the 21st day of December, 1887, to Miss Mattie Ashford, of Lexington, Ky. He is secretary and treasurer of the Clark County Medical Society, and a member of the State Medical Society, and was secretary of the Congressional Medical Association until that Association dissolved.

ALFRED O. SCHULER is a native of Germany. Was born June 1, 1837. He came to the United States in 1857, when he was only 20 years of age, and located in Jeffersonville in 1858, and engaged as clerk in the store of G. W. Swartz, who was at that time one of the leading dry goods merchants in Jeffersonville. He remained with Mr. Swartz until 1860, when he started in the boot and shoe business for himself. He continued in this business until 1862, when he sold out and took a trip to his old home in Germany, on a visit to his relatives and friends. In 1863 he returned to Jeffersonville, but during that year he went to Cincinnati and obtained a situation as clerk for Kuhn, Netter & Co., at that time the largest wholesale cloth house in Cincinnati. He remained with this firm until 1864, when he again returned to Jeffersonville and clerked in the dry goods store of R. S. Heiskel & Co. He continued with this firm until 1866, when it was dissolved, and the goods of the firm

offered for sale. He then purchased the stock of the old firm, and opened up in the dry goods business, and has continued in it ever since, and by honest effort and close attention to business, has made a success of it and built up a large trade.

Mr. Schuler is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' Lodges, and a member of the German Evangelical Reformed St. Lucas Church. He was elected by the Republican party as a member of the Common Council of his city, and served in that capacity for two years, 1883 and 1884.

He was married in 1868 to Miss Louisa Keeper, of New Jersey, and they have been blessed with five children, all girls: Anna, Lena, Cora, Minnie and Amy, all living at home.

Mr. Schuler is one of our very best German-American citizens, and is an honor to his adopted city, and would be to any city wherever he might locate.

WILLIAM B. SHELBY, deceased, is of a family noted as soldiers and statesmen in the United States. He was born in 1804, in Clark county, Ind., on what is known as the Shelby farm, and was a son of Evan Shelby—the latter a son of James Shelby, a brother to Gen. Isaac Shelby, twice governor of Kentucky, and a Revolutionary soldier. Evan Shelby was a native of Virginia, came to Indiana on a flat-boat in an early day, and was married soon after his arrival. William B. inherited the martial spirit of his ancestors, and took part in the Blackhawk war in 1832-33, furnishing his own horse and outfit. In 1838 he married Miss Mary E. Wilson, a daughter of Jacob Wilson, of Carmi, Ill., whose parents were Pennsylvanians. He (Jacob Wilson) was in the War of 1812, under Col. William Washington. Mr. and

Mrs. Shelby had seven children, viz: Margaret, John Shelby, Wat (died at the age of 30 years), Charles D., Ida M., Oliver W. and Evan. Mr. Shelby lived all his life on the old Shelby farm where he was born, and where he died October 23, 1862. His widow still resides on the farm, which she has carried on as in the days of her husband. Here she has lived since his death, and has succeeded in bringing up her children and educating them to fit them for any station in life they may be called to fill. The homestead comprises about 400 acres of good land, which Mrs. Shelby now owns.

ALEXANDER W. SMITHA is a native of this State, and was born in Madison township, Jefferson county, Ind., May 26, 1843. He is the son of W. B. Smitha and Emma (Robinson) Smitha, both natives of the State of Kentucky. His father died in 1850 of cholera. His family is of German origin. Mr. Smitha, July 1, 1861, an early day in the Rebellion, enlisted in the 37th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and was mustered into the service, in October of that same year, as a private. He served in the 37th for twenty months, when he was transferred to the 10th Regiment Indiana Cavalry, and was wounded at the battle of Stone River. He filled several positions as non-commissioned officer. He was mustered out of the service at Vicksburg, Miss., in August, 1865, after the close of the war.

After he returned home from the war he was engaged in several pursuits. Among others he did the township assessing during the spring. He was appointed by John L. Delahunt, county auditor of Clark county, in 1883, his chief deputy, and served in that capacity until the general

election in 1886, when he was nominated by his political friends and elected in November of that year as treasurer of Clark county, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office September, 5, 1887. In 1888 he was re-elected to succeed himself. His second term will commence September, 1889.

He was married February 13, 1874, to Miss Rea Fewell, of Jefferson county, Ind., and has three children living,—Geo. R., Emma M. and Oscar F.

PHILIP SPECHT is a native of Germany. Born March 26, 1843. He came to the United States while an infant in arms with his parents, who located in Philadelphia, Pa., and in 1852 they came West and located in Old Vernon, the county-seat of Jennings county, Ind. After the battle of Bull's Run, when troops from the North were being enlisted and hurried to the front, in August, 1861, he, prompted by a patriotic impulse to march to the defence of his adopted country, enlisted in Co. H., 26th Reg. Indiana Infantry, in August, 1861.

He was regularly and honorably discharged from the service, on the 24th day of September, 1864, serving a little over three years. During his three years of service he was in some pretty close actions and saw some pretty rough service, but his spirit and bravery were equal to the occasion at all times and under all circumstances. He was in the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., at the siege of Vicksburg and at the battle of Fort Hudson. His Regiment, and he with it, were captured and taken prisoners of war at Morganza's Bend on the Mississippi river, and were taken to Camp Ford, Tex., and were held there in captivity for eleven months. After some nine months

of wearisome captivity, Mr. Specht and three of his comrades made their escape and safely reached Natchez, Miss., and were returned to their Regiment, after it had been released at Donaldsonville, La.

After his discharge he returned to his old home, Vernon, and went into the saloon business. In 1871 he left Vernon and came to Jeffersonville and went into the same business there, and has been in it continuously ever since. He is a member of the K. of H. and of the G. A. R. and of the Chosen Friends. He was married in 1868 to Miss Susan Egan, of Vernon, Jennings county, Ind. They have two living children, both girls,—Julia and Theresa.

Mr. Philip Specht is one of the substantial German-American citizens. He has accumulated, by economy and industry, a large property in and around the city of Jeffersonville. He owns twenty-six acres of valuable land lying about a mile northwest from the city and four houses in the city. However men may differ upon the subject of saloon keeping all have to admit that Phil Specht is an honest man and a good citizen.

EUGENE V. STEALEY is a native of Helena, Ark., where he was born March 2, 1850. His father, John O. Stealey, was a native of Virginia. His mother, Mary Patrick Stealey, who is living with him in Jeffersonville, is a native of Clark county, Ind. His grandfather and grandmother on his mother's side came with their parents to Clark county, at an early day, and his great grandfather was appointed first postmaster of Jeffersonville. Mr. Stealey was sent to the public schools Jeffersonville at the age of eight, and continued until he was fourteen, when he was apprenticed to his father to learn the tin-

ning business. After arriving at his majority he opened business on his own account, and continued to prosecute it with vigor until 1882, when he was elected Township Trustee by an overwhelming majority. In 1884 he was re-elected to succeed himself, serving in this office in all four years. In 1886, after a vigorous contest, he was nominated over Richard C. McGill, the then incumbent of the office, as a candidate for the office of County Clerk, by a clear but small majority. Some of Mr. McGill's friends were not satisfied and persuaded him to become an independent candidate against the nominee of his party. This made Mr. Stealey's friends indignant, and the canvass became bitter and personal. Notwithstanding he was elected by a majority of 226. At the expiration of the term of office of his predecessor he entered upon the discharge of the responsible duties devolving upon him, and continues to discharge them. He was married December 15, 1884, to Miss Eva Ivell.

ALLEN A. SWARTZ is the son of Rev. Jacob Swartz and Rebecca (Jacobs) Swartz, and was born in Clark county, Indiana, September 11, 1849. Rev. Jacob Swartz, his father, is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, and was brought to Indiana by his parents, and settled in Clark county at an early day in its settlement, when he was three or four years old. He was what was known as a local Methodist Episcopal preacher; he was licensed to preach, but took no charge. He was born in 1800, and died in 1879, at the age of seventy-nine years, thus reaching nearly to his fourscore years, he died at his home in the city of Jeffersonville, surrounded by his aged wife and seven children. His wife soon followed him, dying in December, 1886.

Mr. Allen A. Swartz was born and brought up on a farm in Utica township, Clark county Indiana. He attended, during his boyhood at home, the common schools of the neighborhood. At the proper age he was sent to Moores Hill College for a while, and then to Asbury University, now the DePauw University.

After finishing his course of study, he returned home and formed a partnership with A. J. Frank, and engaged in the dry-goods trade under the firm name of "Frank & Swartz." This firm continued for three years, when Mr. Swartz bought out his partner and has continued in the dry goods mercantile business ever since, making him one among the oldest dry goods merchants in the city of Jeffersonville.

His store is situated in a double brick business house erected by himself for the purpose on Spring street, Nos. 93 and 95, where he is doing a large and successful business. All this he has accomplished by strict attention to business and honest dealings with all who trade with him.

He follows in the footsteps of his venerable father, and is an active member of the Wall Street Methodist Episcopal church in his city and is one of its official board. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge of his city.

He was married in 1879 to Miss Sallie Clarke, daughter of Prof. Joseph Clarke, of Jeffersonville. They have been blessed with two children, Clara and Walter A.

SAMUEL C. TAGGART was born on the 14th day of September, 1828, in Clark county, Ky. His father, James Taggart, was born near Colerain, Ireland, on the 4th of July, 1800, and came to the United States in 1817 and settled in Clark county, Ky., and removed thence to Clark county, Ind.,

in 1833, and settled in Charlestown. He died April 2, 1879.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church; he was a graduate of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1822. He practiced medicine in Kentucky and for a short time in Clark county, Ind. He introduced his younger brother, Dr. William Taggart, in this county, and then retired from practice. His brother died in June, 1888.

Dr. Samuel C. Taggart came to Clark county, Ind., with his father in 1833, and worked on the farm until he was 17 years old, when he entered Hanover College and graduated in 1848. After graduating from college he commenced the study of medicine with his uncle, and after proper preparation he entered the Medical Department of the Louisville University and graduated in March 1851, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession in the town of Charlestown, Clark county, where he continued to practice with great success until 1880.

In 1878 he became the Republican nominee for the office of clerk of the Clark Circuit Court against Mr. Plez James who had been nominated by the Democrats for re-election, and on account of the great personal popularity of Dr. Taggart, and some bitterness felt by some Democrats against Mr. James, growing out of the Court House Removal question, which yet rankled in the breasts of many, Dr. Taggart was elected, and assumed the duties of his office in 1880 and leaving his practice he removed to Jeffersonville to take charge of his office.

In 1882 he was nominated by his political friends for re-election against Richard C. McGill, a young man of good character and of undoubted qualifications for the position, having been trained under his Uncle, Plez James, whom the Doctor had

beaten, as a deputy in the office. This time the Doctor was defeated, however, by a greatly reduced Democratic majority. So at the termination of his official life, in a short time he returned to his old home in Charlestown, and to re-commence the practice of medicine among his old friends and patients.

In 1886 Doctor Taggart was nominated by his political friends as a candidate for State Senator for this Senatorial District, consisting of the counties of Clark and Jefferson. Dr. David McClure, of Jeffersonville, an old wheel horse of the Democratic party, was nominated by his party friends for re-election. Clark county is Democratic and Jefferson county is Republican, but it was generally supposed that the Democratic majority in Clark would sufficiently overtop the Republican majority in Jefferson county, to make it safe for the success of the Democratic candidate. Dr. McClure was elected by barely eight majority.

On the death of James H. McCampbell on the 15th of February, 1888, the office of President of the First National Bank of the city of Jeffersonville became vacant. This bank was organized in 1865 with a capital of \$100,000, subsequently increased to \$400,000, but it was afterward reduced to \$150,000, principally by the efforts and capital of Jas. H. McCampbell, who was made its President and held that position until his death. Dr. S. C. Taggart was elected, and, after considerable hesitation and delay, accepted and is now performing the responsible duties pertaining to the position.

In 1852 Dr. Taggart was married to Cynthia E. McCampbell, daughter of Samuel McCampbell, of Charlestown, a Virginian by birth and one of the early settlers of that ancient county-seat, and was a tanner

by trade and owned a tanyard in Charlestown and carried on the business. Out of this matrimonial union have come two children,—James E. Taggart, a member of the law firm of Burt & Taggart, and Jennie, wife of Charles E. Louis.

Dr. Taggart is endowed with great mental and physical endurance. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his hand is ever open to bestow charity upon the poor, the needy and the deserving. As a citizen, none stands higher. In social life he is pre-eminent; he is genial, courteous, kind and gentle to all, rich and poor. His friends are many, and his enemies, if he has any, are few.

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JAMES E. TAGGART, the junior member of the firm of Burt & Taggart, was married to Miss Nettie Winesburg, daughter of John P. Winesburg, in Jeffersonville, April 24, 1885, with one child the result of the union.

He is the son of Dr. Samuel C. Taggart, President of the First National Bank of Jeffersonville. Mr. Taggart is a graduate of Hanover College, of the class of 1874, and was admitted to practice in the summer of 1885. He had previously served as deputy under his father, who was clerk of Clark Circuit Court for four years, from 1879 to 1883. He graduated from Union College of Law, Chicago, in 1885. He was born in Charlestown, July 1, 1858.

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JOHN W. TIMMONDS was born in Adams county, Ohio. He went to Portsmouth, Ohio, when a boy to learn his trade as engineer in that city, on the mail boats plying between Portsmouth and Cincinnati. He was on these boats for three years, when in April, 1852,

he went on the Portsmouth, Hamden & Columbus Railroad, which is a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Road. He run on this road continuously for seven years as engineer. In January, 1860, he came to Jeffersonville, and run as engineer on the Jeffersonville & Indianapolis Railroad, now the J., M. & I. R. R., and run on that three years.

In 1863 he went into the Quartermaster's department of Louisville and Cincinnati. Was under old General and Captain Allen in the Louisville department, and was under Captain Lewis in the River Transportation department of Cincinnati. In the summer of 1865, he came to Jeffersonville, and took charge of the engine in the Quartermasters' Supply Depot, and served the Government as chief engineer in that department for twenty-four years, and never lost a day in all that time.

He is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and a passed officer in both Lodges, both in the subordinate and in the encampment. He is a member of the Jeffersonville Wall Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and is passed officer of the National Association of Engineers of the State of Indiana.

He was married on the 12th day of April, 1855, to Miss Caroline Gebhardt, of Scioto county, Ohio, and their union has resulted in three living children, one boy and two girls—John W., Lillie and Blanch Adale.

Mr. Timmonds is the son of John W. and Mary (Woodworth) Timmonds; his mother was a native of Adams county, Ohio, and died in 1847 at the age of 42. His father a native of Berkeley county, Virginia, and died in 1849, surviving his wife only two years, leaving seven young and almost helpless children, of which the subject of our sketch was the oldest boy, to struggle through life as best they could, five of



whom are still living. They are John W. Timmonds; Richard Henry Timmonds, who is now employed at the Ohio Falls Car Works as steam pipe fitter there—he was employed as first assistant engineer at the Government Depot for twenty-one years; Harriet Amanda, wife of Captain William Little, now living in Greenup county, Ky., owning one of the finest farms in that county—Mrs. Little is the oldest child; Samantha, who is married to H. C. McCoy, also of Greenup county, Ky., who owns and lives on a fine farm; and Melissa, who is still single, and lives with her sister, Mrs. Capt. Little.

This was certainly, in many respects, a remarkable family. Left destitute and doubly orphaned while the younger ones were helpless, the oldest but a boy, and yet, under God's Providence and that heroic devotion of the older member of the family to the younger, they are all raised to the highest respectability and honorable standing in society.

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EDWARD M. WATKINS a native of Clark county, Ind., was born in the city of Jeffersonville, March 22, 1856; the son of Wilford H. and Anna Watkins, natives of Missouri and Indiana respectively.

His parents, while he was yet a small boy, removed to Harrison county and settled on a farm in the southern part of it. When he arrived at suitable age, he was sent to the Central Indiana Normal School, at Ladoga, in Montgomery county, Ind., an educational institution that ranks foremost among its class in the State. From this Institution he graduated with honor in 1874. Afterward he graduated in a Commercial Course at Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1877.

He then read medicine with Dr. W. H.

Reader, of New Amsterdam, in Harrison county, Ind., and Dr. Kelly, of Louisville. He attended the Medical College in Louisville, and graduated a full fledged doctor February 20, 1882.

He located at Hawesville, Kentucky, and commenced the practice of his profession, and continued there about a year. While at Hawesville he married Miss Jennie E. Mitchell of that place, in 1882. Not satisfied with Hawesville, he pulled up stakes and went to Holdridge, Nebraska. Remained there until 1885, when he returned to his old native home, the city of Jeffersonville, where he has resided ever since, and besides being engaged in the drug business is engaged in the practice of his profession, and is an honored member of the Clark County Medical Association, and is succeeding in business beyond his expectations.

Dr. Watkins is a man of energy and decision of character, and by his prompt and successful attention to the calls of the sick and afflicted has built up a large and lucrative practice for so young a man.

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JOHN WHITE, SR., was born in Fayette county, Penn., February 22, 1787, and came to Indiana Territory in 1804, when the country was almost an unbroken forest, filled with Indians and wild animals. The Indians, always treacherous, made it necessary to have the trusty rifle close at hand at all times. When a courier arrived from the Collins settlement with the news of the Pigeon Roost massacre, he promptly responded to the call for volunteers to follow the Indians and punish them for the savage murder of his friends. The short campaign was fruitless of any scalps, as the Indians were not overtaken. He assisted in the sad task of burying the dead

of the Pigeon Roost massacre and returned home to follow his trade of tanning, while the women and children were placed in a fort near by to save them from the tomahawk and scalping knife of the Indians. He was also a farmer, and a good mechanic, inventing plows and other farm implements of a superior pattern, and in that particular was a very useful citizen. He was a strictly moral and temperate man, but was not a communicant of any church. Lived as near up to the Golden Rule as it was possible for mortals to do, and died in 1848.

Hanna Carr White was also born in Fayette county, Penn., December 19, 1786. Her father, Elisha Carr, with his family emigrated to Kentucky and settled near Bryant's Station in 1797. Remained there about three years, when he with his family moved to Clark's Grant, Indiana Territory, where John White and Hanna Carr White were married in the year 1808. The Carr family was numerous and influential. Many of them filled honorable and responsible offices. Hanna Carr White lived to see six of her children reach their majority. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her, and died in 1845.

Colden C. White, son of John and Hanna White, was born in Clark county in 1825, was a farmer by occupation and lived at the old homestead 59 years. Was married to Josephine McCune in 1853. She was born in Charlestown, Clark county, Ind., in 1838.

C. C. White has two sons, Oren C. and Frank C.

Wesley Carr White, the older son of John White's family, was born in 1809. Moved to Missouri in 1851. Enlisted in the Union army at the age of 53 years for a three years' service. Was captured at Shiloh and spent about one year in Libby

and Andersonville prisons, when he was exchanged and discharged from service. After recruiting his shattered health he enlisted again for six months. His regiment was ordered to the relief of Nashville, Tenn., but was prevented from arriving there in time to take part in the battle of Nashville by the Rebels destroying the railroad south of Louisville. He was ordered to St. Louis, Mo., where he died in the military hospital about the close of the war.

OTTO F. ZIMMERMAN was born in Germany, October 1, 1846, and emigrated to the United States in 1868, and located in the city of Jeffersonville in the same year. He had served his apprenticeship to the trade of silversmith in Germany, before he left that country. He went to work, after locating in Jeffersonville, for Mr. Drabnick, who was the leading jeweler of the place at that time. He remained with Mr. Drabnick only some six months, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked there for a while for a wholesale jewelry house. From there he went South and traveled all through that country, working at his trade from city to city. In 1875 he once more returned to the city of Jeffersonville, and in 1879 opened a jewelry store for himself, and has continued there in the business ever since. He has prospered beyond his expectations. By doing good work and dealing honestly and fairly with his patrons and customers, and by giving strict attention to his business, he has built up a large trade, and is now the largest and most complete house of the kind in the city of Jeffersonville. He deserves the highest commendation for his success in business, and is but another example of what pluck and perseverance will do for a man.

Mr. Zimmerman was married to Miss Amelia Baude, a niece of Mr. Drabnick, for whom he first worked when he came to Jeffersonville, in 1868. The union has been blessed with two children, a boy and a girl,—Stanley and Clara. He is a member of the orders of the K. of H., and the K. of P., and is a member of the German Evangelical Reformed St. Lucas Church, of Jeffersonville.

JOHN C. ZULAUF is a native of Switzerland, and was born Oct. 26, 1864. He was brought to the United States by his parents in 1865, who located in the city of Jeffersonville, Clark county, Ind., where he was reared from his early infancy, and where he resides now. He is a graduate of the DePauw University, at Greencastle, Ind., having graduated from that institution in 1885; and in fall of 1885 he entered the law department of University of Louisville, and graduated in April, 1886. He was, after graduation, admitted to the bar in October, 1887, and entered upon the practice of his profession the same year. Although Mr. Zulauf is yet quite a young man he has become public spirited and has interested himself in the development and material progress of the city. A bridge for all purposes between the cities of Louisville and Jeffersonville would seem to be of the highest importance to the prosperity of the latter, and a company was organized under the name of the Louisville and Jeffersonville Bridge Company, of which Mr. Zulauf is one of the directors; he has taken a strong interest in making it a success, and has made several visits to Washington City to to secure from the War Department the right of way across the Ohio river at the most suitable landing place on the Jeffersonville side.

The Ohio Falls Street Car Company has

been organized for constructing and operating a street railroad in the city of Jeffersonville, composed of capitalists of Louisville and Jeffersonville. John C. Zulauf is president and business manager of that concern.

He is Republican in politics and received the unanimous nomination as a candidate for Representative in the State legislature.

He is the son of John Zulauf and Welhelmina (Schoch) Zulauf.

His father, John Zulauf, was born in Thurgau, Switzerland, December 27, 1818. He received a good education in the schools of his native country and in the college of Murten, Switzerland. After graduation Mr. Zulauf spent several years in performing clerical services in some of the large manufacturing establishments and banks in the different parts of Europe, which so eminently qualified him for the discharge of the many responsible duties which awaited him in this country. He spent one year in a bank at Marseilles, France, and several years in a large manufacturing establishment in England. After which he returned home to Switzerland on account of his health. After rest and recuperation, he performed the responsible duties of head book-keeper for the large firm of Benziger & Co., but soon other duties awaited him, which brought him from the Old World to the United States, and thus changed the whole tenor of his life.

A Mr. Fischli, a native of Switzerland, had previously come to the State of Indiana and had died there, leaving a large estate, mostly in lands, much of it where the city of Jeffersonville now stands, and in Jackson county and in other places, to his heirs, seventeen in number, residents of Switzerland. The amount and kind of

property, hard to realize from at that time, and the large number of heirs, all in a foreign land, complicated matters to such an extent that it required an executor of more than ordinary abilities to settle the estate and make equitable distribution of the same among the heirs. Mr. Zulauf was, from his known ability and integrity, chosen for that service, and sent to the United States for that purpose.

Fortified by full powers of attorney by the heirs of the Fischli estate, he came to America in 1846 and immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties intrusted to him, with full intent to close them up and return to his native land at the end of the year. But how little did he realize at that time the full extent of the business which he had assumed. But it soon came to him, that it was a labor of years if not a lifetime. While it dragged itself along through the courts, in 1848 he opened a lace store on Fourth avenue, in the city of Louisville, and about this time he was appointed by the Swiss Government as Consul for the Western States. He held this position for several years, but desiring to return to his native home he relinquished it, and also closed his business house. About this time the building of the Jeffersonville & Indianapolis Railroad was being agitated in Jeffersonville, and also along

the contemplated line. Mr. Zulauf comprehended at once the grand importance that the building of the road would be to the estate which he represented, and invested largely in the enterprise. At the death of William G. Armstrong, its president, Mr. Zulauf was elected to the vacancy. He held the position and ably performed the duties for a number of years. It had never been his intention to make the United States his permanent home. He still had his longing for his mountain home. After he had retired from the presidency of the Jeffersonville & Indianapolis Railroad he made a visit to Switzerland and remained there five years, but was again forced by business necessities connected with his trust to return again, which he did, bringing a wife and two children home with him. He was married in 1857 to Miss Wehlemina Schoch. Her father was a prominent Government official of Bavaria, her native country, where she was raised and finely educated, who is now residing in Jeffersonville.

Mr. Zulauf's death occurred November 7, 1873, occasioned, not only a loss to his devoted family, but to his neighbors and to the citizens of his adopted country in general. He was a finely educated gentleman, a fine linguist and well read in ancient and modern lore.



# CRAWFORD COUNTY.

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DR. GEO. W. BAYLOR was born in Crawford county, Ind., March 27, 1849, and is a son of Andrew and Eliza (Hammond) Baylor, the former a native of Augusta county, Va., and the latter of Indiana. The elder Baylor, Andrew J., was a son of George Baylor, of German descent; he came to Indiana in an early day and settled near Georgetown. George W., the subject of this sketch, was raised on the farm and educated in the public schools and at Salem Academy. He began reading medicine in 1869, with Dr. Saunders, of Milltown. He graduated at the Louisville Medical College in 1876, and in 1882 graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, Ky. He has practiced at Milltown since his graduation. He was married September 4, 1870, to Miss Sallie J. Vance. She died November 4, 1872, leaving one child, Cora I. He married a second time, October 20, 1874, Ailee A. Rhodes, a daughter of Rev. Jacob B. Rhodes. She has one child, Nellie E. Dr. Baylor has been one of the surgeons of the Air Line Railroad since its completion, and was health officer of the county one year. He is a prominent member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders. Is a member of, and one of the trustees of the M. E. Church.

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JOHN BENZ, ex-State Senator, one of the prominent merchants and leading politicians of Leavenworth, Crawford county, was born in Germany, March 9, 1834. He is the son of Jacob and Mary Benz. After

receiving a thorough and complete education, at the early age of 16 he came to America to seek his fortune, landing at New Orleans March 25, 1850. He speedily acquired a knowledge of our language and identified himself with American interests, customs and institutions.

He proceeded to Louisville, where he worked at his trade, that of tailor. After remaining there five years, he removed to St. Louis, where however he only remained some nine months, when he returned to Louisville. Not, however, feeling perfectly satisfied, he shortly after removed to Hawesville, Ky., and from there to Cannelton, Ind., where he was employed some four years.

Having by that time, through the exercise of care and economy, accumulated a fair amount of money, he resolved to go into business on his own account, and decided upon Leavenworth as the point, it being a young and rising town. He there embarked in business as a general merchant, and such has been his success, through his own energy and perseverance, that he is now one of the largest and most successful merchants of the town. He is a man of enterprise, tact and energy, and one who enjoys in a high sense the honor and respect of his fellow-citizens wherever he has become known. Successful in his business career, he now enjoys a competence.

Early in life he associated himself with the Democratic party, and has served most efficiently as Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Crawford county for

about four years. In 1864 he was elected County Coroner for Crawford county; in 1874, School Trustee of Leavenworth; in 1876, to the State Legislature from Crawford and Orange counties; in 1878, State Senator for Crawford and Harrison counties.

While member of the Senate, was Chairman of the Committee on Mines and Mining, and member of the Committee on Manufactories, Banks and Railroads,

In 1883 his Senatorial District had been changed to include Orange county, and of this District he was again elected Senator, being the first time any man was ever honored with renomination by his party. He was elected and served as Chairman of the Committee on Prisons, and also served as a member of the Committee on Military Affairs. In 1888 he was elected Township Trustee. He was appointed Marshal by Gov. Gray to collect the vote of his county and deliver it at Indianapolis in general election of fall of 1888. He was educated as a Lutheran, and now attends that church.

He was married July 4, 1856, to Caroline Nybauer daughter of Carl Nybauer, of Germany. They have had six children, three girls (one of whom is dead, one boy dead) and three boys. The two eldest sons are now employed in their father's store.

Such is the record of one of Crawford county's most prominent citizens and one upon whom honors have been bestowed for his worth alone.

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DR. WILLIAM C. BIRD was born in Smith county, Tenn., March 14, 1833, and is a son of M. B. and Nancy (Mitchell) Bird—the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Smith county, Tenn. Dr. Wm. C. Bird worked on the farm until

he was 21 years old, when he entered a store at English, Ind., and clerked for four years. He was married to Mary Newkirk in 1854, who bore three children, Mins B., John K. and Charles J., and then died. He entered the army in 1861, in Forty-ninth Indiana Vol. Infantry, and served three years. He began the study of medicine in 1866, and left the Medical College at Indianapolis in 1870, entering upon practice at Brownstown, Ind., where he remained two years, and then came to English; here he is the leading practitioner. In 1869 he married Melissa Turner, of Crawford county. She had three children: Dora M. Bird (deceased), James W. and Queen Victoria. Dr. Bird has served as township trustee and township treasurer. He has been a member of the Masonic Order since 1866, and has filled all the offices in the lodge.

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JAMES BOBBETT was born in Orange county, Ind., September 12, 1854, and is a son of John H. and Catherine (Goble) Bobbett, natives of Tennessee and North Carolina respectively. The father of James, the subject, came to Crawford county in 1877. He had five sons, three of whom served in the late civil war. He has been a minister of the Gospel in the Christian Church for forty years, and has preached in many of the counties of Southern Indiana. He is about 73 years of age. James Bobbett was educated in the schools of his native county (Orange) and in Marengo Academy, under Prof. Johnson. He came to Crawford county and taught school for twelve years. In June, 1885, he was elected county superintendent of schools, and in 1886 was elected county auditor, the county being over 300 Democratic. In 1885 he began preaching the Gospel, and still preaches on Sundays. He was married in June, 1876,

to Miss Mattie E. Smith of Crawford county. She died in May, 1884, and he was married again in June, 1885, to Miss Lizzie Gresham, of Harrison county, a daughter of Elias Gresham. He had four children by his first wife, and one by his last wife. He belongs to Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities.

CHARLES A. A. BULLINGTON, lawyer, was born at White Sulphur Wells, Crawford county, Ind., January 26, 1858, and is a son of Dr. Wm. H. Bullington, who was born at Marengo, in this county, August 16, 1822, and has been a practicing physician in this county for thirty-seven years; he studied medicine with Dr. R. R. Houston, of Stephensport, Ky. He was first lieutenant of Co. H., Twenty-third Indiana Vols., in the late war. His wife's maiden name was Louisa Kennedy, and she was born at Brandenburg, Ky., in 1823. Her parents died when she was very young, and she was raised by the Warfield family, of Kentucky. She married Dr. Bullington in 1843. Charles A., the subject, was brought up on the farm, and educated at Marengo Academy. He studied law, and graduated from the law department of the University of Louisville, April 13, 1888. He located at English, having lived there before graduating in the law; he was postmaster of English under Presidents Garfield and Arthur. He was in the mercantile business at English, the firm being Bullington & Temple Brothers; the partnership was formed in 1881, and continued for three and a half years. After this he went into the law school, and entered upon the practice at English. He is a Mason and a member of Crawford Lodge, No. 470, English, Ind. His grandfather, Robert Bullington, was born in Jonesboro, Tenn., and moved to Crawford

county in 1800, among the pioneers. His Grandmother Bullington was Mary Weathers, of Marengo, who was born in North Carolina. Mr. Bullington's brothers and sisters are—Willis W., Edward L., Lewis M., Delila A., Martha F., George Ann and William Louisa.

DR. WILLIAM A. COLE is a native of Harrison county, Ind., and was born Sept. 7, 1854. He is a son of Jonathan P. and Lettie (Briscoe) Cole, the latter also a native of Harrison county. Jonathan P. was born in Harrison county in 1818. He was a farmer, stock-dealer and merchant; his grandfather, Richard Cole, was an Englishman, and was sent to Ireland as an officer of the Crown, but was banished on account of his outspoken views.

He came to America, settling among the early pioneers in Harrison county. Jonathan P. was in the pursuit and at the capture of the Rebel Gen. John Morgan, when he made his raid through Indiana and Ohio. Dr. William A.'s maternal grandmother was an own cousin to President Lincoln. His maternal grandfather was of the Barlow family of Kentucky. Dr. William A., the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm until he was fifteen years old, when he entered the Blue River Academy, in Washington county, then the Paoli High School. During vacation he clerked in his father's store, run a huckster's wagon, and did various other kinds of work to take up his time. Also taught two schools in Crawford and Martin counties.

In 1875 he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Lee Hazelwood, of Valeene, Ind., and the next year entered the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati. Graduating from the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, Ky., in

1879, he entered upon the practice of medicine in Martin county, and practiced in that county and Dubois, Pike and Daviess counties until 1885, when he took charge of Hazelwood Springs, at English, Ind., opening them as a summer resort, and superintended them for two years. In 1888 he severed his connection with the Springs and resumed active practice of his chosen profession at English, Ind., where he still lives. Dr. Cole's brothers and sisters are: Dr. John A. Cole, Nancy E., Margaret I., Carrie F., Olive H., Emma H., Prof. Monford M., Alice J., Cora C.

He was married April 25, 1883, to Miss Alice Hazelwood, of Valeene, oldest daughter of Dr. Lee Hazelwood. They have two children, Mary L. and Georgia L.

Dr. Cole has been a Mason twelve years, and is Senior Warden of Crawford Lodge, No. 470.

ROBERT MARION CRAIG was born in Harrison county, Ind., July 28, 1833, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Meyers) Craig, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. William Craig was the son of Jesse Craig, who emigrated from Pennsylvania about the year 1811, and settled in Harrison county, on Blue River. Elizabeth Meyers Craig was a daughter of John Meyers, a native of Virginia. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools.

He enlisted November 7, 1861, in Co. F, Forty-ninth Indiana Vol. Infantry, and served until Nov. 29, 1864, when, his time having expired, he was honorably discharged.

He was in all the battles in which his regiment took part, including the siege of Vicksburg. He entered the service as a private and was mustered out as a first lieutenant, which is a guarantee of his good service as

a soldier. After his term of service had expired he returned home and settled down to the quiet life of a farmer, and was married January 5, 1865, to Sarah C. Breeden, daughter of Bryant Breeden, a native of Harrison county. They have three children, viz: Dora, Alta and Robert M. Mr. Craig commenced clerking in 1875, continuing the same until 1887, when he engaged in the mercantile business for himself in Leavenworth. He carries a good stock, worth about \$3,000, and is an energetic and active business man. He has filled several township offices with great acceptability. He is a G. A. R. member.

CLARK H. CRECILIUS was born October 7, 1847, in Crawford county, Ind., and is a son of Philip and Drucilla (Enlow) Crecilus, natives of Tennessee, but who came to this State among the pioneers. His grandfather came from Germany in an early day. His parents died when he was but four years of age, and his early life was marked by toil and poverty. For a few years after the death of his parents he found a home with John Glosson, and was then bound to Thomas Highhill, of Harrison county, with whom he remained eight years, when his master died. He then lived with James Highhill until 1862, when he came to Leavenworth, and was given employment by J. H. Lyon, a merchant of that place. Up to this time he had had few advantages for receiving an education, but while with Mr. Lyon he studied at odd times and clerked at \$10 per month with "board and washing" included. In June, 1863, he enlisted in Co. C, Seventy-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. On his discharge from the army he returned to the employment of Mr. Lyon, remaining one year. Afterward he



attended Hartsville University for six months. He then entered the employment of John S. Whitten, remaining with him until 1870, when he was elected Recorder of the county, and in 1874 was re-elected. At the expiration of his second term, he was elected County Treasurer, and re-elected in 1882. In 1885 he was elected joint-representative from the counties of Crawford and Orange, and served in the Fifty-fourth General Assembly. He next engaged in mercantile business at Marengo, which he followed about two and a half years, acting postmaster the while, and then located at Leavenworth. In 1889 he was appointed clerk to the Ways and Means Committee of the National House of Representatives. In 1869, Mr. Crecilius was married to Miss Katie Wilbur, a daughter of Joseph Wilbur, whose father, William Wilbur, was the second settler of the town. The latter was from New York, and was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving through the struggle as drum-major. The Wilburs removed from New York to Pennsylvania, and to Indiana about the year 1824, settling in Crawford county, near Leavenworth. Joseph Wilbur, the father of Mrs. Crecilius, was born in New York in 1814, and was married at the age of twenty years to Sarah Patrick, a daughter of Brice Patrick, Esq., an early settler of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Crecilius have had six children, viz: Hallie, Frank, Clyde, Sadie, Florence and Gracie. Hallie is married to Sherman W. Stewart, and lives at Marengo. The other children are at home.

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WILLIAM R. DUNN was born in Alton, Crawford county, Ind., in July, 1843, and is a son of William and Melissa (Leese) Dunn, the latter a daughter of one of Clark county's pioneer citizens. The elder Dunn was

a native of Virginia, came to Indiana in 1840, and built the Fullenwider Water Mills in this county.

The subject of this sketch was reared in the town of Alton, and educated in the common schools. At the age of 18 he enlisted in the Union army, and served in the late "unpleasantness" three years and eleven months. He enlisted in Co. K, Thirty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war as musician. When the war was over he returned home and engaged in carpentering, which he followed until 1881, when he became a partner in the Peekinpaugh, Harrison & Co. Mills, more fully mentioned in the sketch of Abraham N. Peekinpaugh.

He was married in 1866 to Miss Martha V. Johnson, a daughter of one of the early settlers of Breckenridge county, Ky. They have two children, Marcia V. and Jesse T. Besides these two, they have furnished a home to Marcia W. Newhouse, a relative of Mrs. Dunn. Mr. Dunn, his wife and children, are consistent members of the M. E. Church.

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WILLIAM EVERDON was born in Crawford county, Ind., January 6, 1860, and is a son of William P. and Sarah J. (Byrley) Everdon, natives of Switzerland and Crawford county respectively. Wm. P. Everdon was born January 4, 1827, and came to this country about 1847. He engaged in farming and saw-milling. He was not worth five dollars when he came to the county, and at his death his estate was worth about \$55,000. Peter Byrley, the maternal grandfather of William Everdon, came from North Carolina, and settled in Whisky Run township. William, the subject of this sketch, was reared in this (Crawford) county, and began life in the saw-mill business in 1881, and has

now two saw-mills—one in town and one out in the country. January, 1889, he engaged in general mercantile business with Mr. E. E. Richardson, and they are doing a large and profitable business. He was married November 30, 1884, to Miss Alice J. Tower. They have three children, viz: Lela L., William P. and Nathalie Irene. William Everdon is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a stirring and live business man and a prosperous citizen.

JACOB FUNKHOUSER sprung from genuine pioneer stock, his parents settling in Indiana among the earliest pioneers. He was born in Harrison county, Ind., in June, 1821, and is a son of Moses and Susan (Lopp) Funkhouser—the former was born in Shenandoah county, Va., and the latter in North Carolina,—and the grandson of Christian Funkhouser. Moses Funkhouser came to Indiana in 1808, and settled in Harrison county, where he purchased 400 acres of land in the (then) unbroken forest. There he reared a family of five children, three sons and two daughters. The sons are David, Jacob (the subject of this sketch) and Philip; and daughters, Barbara and Margaret. The Funkhousers are of German origin, and are among the best families of Virginia. The Loppes are also of German origin, and were early settlers in North Carolina. Jacob, the subject of this sketch, was raised on the farm, and received but a limited education, attending school only during the Winter months, at a little log school-house three miles distant from his home. He married in 1845, Mary L. Winder, a daughter of James G. and Ruth (Cahoe) Winder, pioneers of Harrison county, and natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky respectively. The former, James G. Winder,

was a prominent local politician, and a lineal descendant of Gen. Winder, of Revolutionary fame. Her maternal grandfather Cahoe, was an aid to Gen. Washington during the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Funkhouser had nine children, seven of whom lived to the years of maturity, viz.: James L., Zachary T., Hugh C., William H., Laura E., Albert W. and Arthur F. The eldest son, James L., was educated in the common schools and at Hartsville University, graduating from the latter in 1872, and from that time to 1884 he filled the chair of ancient languages in the institution. He is now engaged in farming and stock raising, in Bartholomew county, Ind. He is a member of the order of K. of P. Zachary T., after fitting himself, entered Hartsville University, after which he engaged in the ministry of the United Brethren Church, remaining in it for five years. In 1887 he located at Corydon in the practice of dentistry, and is now at Oakland City, successfully engaged in his profession. He is a member of I. O. O. F. Hugh C. was born in 1853, graduated at Hartsville University, and attended the Union Biblical Seminary, at Dayton, Ohio. He is a member of the order of F. A. M. He is a minister in the Congregational Church at Kaukauna, Wis.

William H. was educated in the common schools and Hartsville University, and afterward graduated from the medical department of the University of Louisville, and the Louisville Medical College in 1884 and 1885 respectively. Since then he has practiced his profession in Corydon. Laura E., after receiving a good education married Frank Tyner, a prosperous young farmer of Bartholomew county and cousin of ex-Postmaster General Tyner. Albert W., like his brothers, was well educated, finishing at DePauw University, Greensas-

tle, Ind., and in 1884 began reading law with W. N. & R. J. Tracewell, at Corydon. He remained there until 1887 when he removed to Leavenworth and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in partnership with R. J. Tracewell.

In 1886 he was the Republican candidate for prosecuting attorney, but was defeated by 281 votes, cutting down the Democratic from 1,060 votes. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and of the I. O. O. F. Arthur F. the youngest son attended the common schools, graduated from the High School in Corydon, then entered DePauw University at Greencastle, and after completing the first two years of the scientific course, "Asbury College of Liberal Arts," he served three years as principal of the public schools of the county. He also was a member of the Phi Delta Theta College fraternity. Then took up the study of law with W. N. & R. J. Tracewell, and after three years, study removed to Leavenworth and began editing the *Crawford County Republican*, of that place. He has made one trip South, visiting the principal cities in that section, and also a trip to Wisconsin and the Northwest. He is an enterprising young man, and aside from the time required as editor, is yet pursuing his law studies with a view of entering the profession.

It is to some extent to his energy and fearlessness as an editor that the notorious "White Caps" were extinguished from this county.

DR. JOHN H. GIBBS is a native of Indiana, and was born in Harrison county April 19, 1843. He is a son of William and Sarah (Spencer) Gibbs, the latter a daughter of James Spencer, of Crawford county; the former, William Gibbs, was born in Crawford county, November 20,

1820, and was a farmer and miller. He was elected county commissioner of Crawford county, and died October 1, 1880, before his term was out. His father, Jas. R. Gibbs, was a native of North Carolina, and moved to Crawford county, Ind., among the pioneers. Dr. John H. was reared on the farm, and educated in the common schools and at Hartsville College. He commenced the study of medicine in 1866, under Dr. J. F. Sanders, of Milltown, and took his first course of lectures at Ann Arbor, Mich., graduating in 1872 from the Louisville Medical College. He commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Gibson county, Ind., where he remained for ten years, removing to Milltown in 1883, where he now resides. He was married in 1866, to Celia Riley, daughter of John and Hannah Riley, of Bartholomew county, Ind., and a graduate of Hartsville University. They have four children living, viz: Ellis B., Elizabeth E., William and Lillian. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and also of the Odd Fellows. He is permanent secretary of his Lodge, having passed "through the chairs" and been representative to the Grand Lodge.

HENRY C. GREEN was born in Harrison county, Ind., August 6, 1839, and is a son of Coleman and Nancy (Kurl) Green, the latter a daughter of Bennett Kurl, a native of Virginia, and whose father was a Revolutionary soldier. The elder Green (subject's father) was also a native of Virginia, and a son of Peter Green of that State. Coleman Green came to Indiana about 1824, and settled in Harrison county. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and had four sons in the late war. Henry C., the subject, was reared on a farm and moved to Crawford county in 1860.

When the war broke out he shouldered his gun and served until his health gave way, when he was discharged on account of disability.

He then resumed farming, and in 1867 was married to Louisa Kendall, a daughter of Elijah Kendall. Mr. Green has never been an office seeker.

He is a member of Courtney Post, G. A. R. He owns 100 acres of good land well improved. He is a consistent and zealous member of the Methodist Church at Grantsburg, and leader of the class there.

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EMANUEL R. HAWN, M. D., deceased, was born in Clermont county, O., September 11, 1831, and was a son of Emanuel and Harriet (Bell) Hawn, natives of Maryland and Ohio respectively. Emanuel R., the subject of this sketch, was reared in Ohio, and received a liberal education in the schools of that State, graduating from a literary college at Richmond, O. He came to Crawford county, Ind., and located at Alton in 1851, and commenced the practice of medicine, having read medicine and graduated from the Ohio Medical College before leaving that State.

He served through the Mexican war and was in several battles; and at the breaking out of the late civil war, in 1861, he joined the Seventeenth Indiana regiment, as a lieutenant, and was immediately promoted to captain. He was afterward transferred to First Indiana Heavy Artillery as surgeon, and subsequently to Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served as surgeon of this regiment until 1864, when he was placed in charge of a hospital at Louisville, Ky. He remained there only two months, when Gov. Morton called him to take charge of One hundred and forty-fourth Indiana regiment, and he was sent

with it to Virginia. He was chief surgeon over four different regiments during his term of service.

When the war was over he located in Indianapolis, where he remained one year, and then came to Leavenworth, and was postmaster under Presidents Grant and Hayes, and pension examiner. In 1880 was elected secretary of state. He died in 1884, while holding the office of secretary of Board of Health.

In 1854 he married Miss Mary E. Holcroft, a native of Crawford county, and a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Smoots) Holcroft, natives of Virginia. He has six children living, viz: Ada, Elijah, Elizabeth, John A., Clem. and Emanuel. John was born November 27, 1864, and is a physician, graduated from the University of Louisville in 1884, and began practice at once in Leavenworth. His father was a prominent Mason and Knight of Honor. His mother, Mrs. Hawn, keeps a hotel in Leavenworth.

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CAPT. ELIJAH P. E. HOLCROFT was born in Harrison county, Ind., in 1824, and is a son of Nathaniel Holcroft. He was educated in the common schools, and at the age of twenty-two years began business with his brother at Alton, Ind., which he followed some eight years. He then engaged in steamboating, commanding steamers in the Louisville and Henderson Packet Company's service, until the name of Capt. Holcroft became a familiar one on the Ohio.

After about three years' service on the river, he opened a general store, and followed flatboating for about eleven years. He now has a general store at Alton, and carries about \$5,000 worth of goods. He owns real estate in Crawford county, in Tennessee and Missouri.

He was married in 1846 to Miss Mary A. Rice, a daughter of Jacob Rice, a native of Pennsylvania, but who emigrated to Kentucky in pioneer times, and who was in Hardin's Fort, now Hardinsburg, county-seat of Breckinridge county, Ky., during the Indian period in the "Dark and Bloody Ground." Captain and Mrs. Holcroft had had nine children, viz: Nathaniel S., Ella, Ada, Benjamin, Cora, Elizabeth, James K., Elijah, Millie and Helen. Nathaniel, Cora and Elijah are at home; Ada is married and lives in Kentucky, Ella in Brownsville, Mo., Elizabeth in Kansas, Helen in Texas, Benjamin lives in Evansville, Ind., and James in Missouri. Capt. Holcroft is an influential and prominent citizen, and one of the solid men of the county.

DR. WILLIAM HOLLAND was born in Hopkins county, Ky., February 26, 1819, and is a son of Thomas and Katherine (Beck) Holland,—the latter, born in Germany, came to America with her parents when but six years of age. Thomas Holland, subject's father, was also born in Germany, in 1788, and came to America with his parents when nine years of age, settling in Hopkins county, where he died in 1834. He was a man of some local prominence, and was associate judge, and also sheriff of Hopkins county. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Stephen Holland, his father, came from Germany to America to enlist with the Americans in the Revolutionary war, and for his service he was given a grant of land in Kentucky, upon which he settled, lived and died. His wife died in Kentucky, at the age of 106 years. Stephen Beck, the maternal grandfather of Dr. William, was a native of Germany—he came to America, fought through the

Revolutionary war, and died soon after its close, from a wound received while in active duty. The subject, Dr. William, was raised on a farm, and, when eighteen, went to Geneva, N. Y., to go to school, and while there (four years) he learned the cabinet maker's trade. After his return he went to Ann Arbor, Mich., to study medicine. He read there three years, and then went to Chicago, and entered the Rush Medical College, from which he graduated. He commenced practice at Wheeling, Ill., but in a short time located at Joliet, Ill., where he practiced for about twelve years, and then removed to Champaign, Ill. He was appointed surgeon at Fort Snelling, in Minnesota, which position he filled for two years. In 1863 he removed to Paoli, Orange county, Ind., practicing his profession until 1882, when he opened a drug store, carrying on the same until 1886, when he sold out and opened a hotel. He removed to Milltown, on the Airline Railroad, where he now resides. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in 1853, at Champaign, Ill., to Mary Hay, a native of Oswego, N. Y. They have seven children, viz: Alice, Antoinette, William H., Mary E., Eliza A., Bessie P. and Ethel Gertrude, all of whom are living.

DAVID JENKINS was born in Indiana in 1829, and is a son of John F. and a grandson of Enoch Jenkins, the latter a native of Virginia, who was among the early settlers of Kentucky. He was a ranger in the service of the Government on the frontier during the trying scenes of the war of 1812.

David Jenkins, the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm and educated in the old log school-house, with the puncheon floor and slab seats. He began flatboat-

ing at the age of 15 years, and continued the same of to 1870, except during the civil war. He served in every capacity from deck-hand to pilot. He was married in 1851 to Joanna Jones, a daughter of John and Jane Jones, natives of Kentucky. They have seven children, viz: Rufus A., Jane E., George F., Mary M., Thomas M., Ulysses S. and Daniel M. Mr. Jenkins is postmaster at Cape Sandy.

He owns three acres of ground, in which his business house is situated. He does a general merchant business, carrying a stock of about \$3,500. His children are not all married; and three of them live in Illinois, the others live in Indiana.

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WILLIAM E. JENNER is a native of Indiana, and was born in Milltown, November 4, 1839. He is a son of Stephen R. and Mary Ann (Lawson) Jenner. The former is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1816; removed to Kentucky in 1828, and to Crawford county, Ind., in 1836. His father, Samuel Jenner, was a native also of Pennsylvania, and was a soldier of the War of 1812. The latter, Mary Ann Lawson Jenner, was born in Cincinnati, O.; from thence her father moved to Louisville, and thence to New Albany, and from there to Meade county, Ky. He was a native of Lancashire, England, and was the first machinist who started a machine shop in Cincinnati or Louisville for the manufacture of cotton machinery. Wm. E. learned harness-making and blacksmithing, and received a good practical education in the common schools of Crawford county. He served in the Federal army during the late "unpleasantness," and was sergeant-major of the Fifty-third Indiana Vol. Infantry. He served three years and eight months, when

the war closed and, like Othello, he found his occupation gone. After leaving the army he farmed and taught school for four years, then opened a tin store in Old Marengo,—he is the oldest resident of New Marengo, and farmed the land where it now stands. He has practiced dentistry for seventeen years in connection with his other business. He was elected justice of the peace in 1880, and has been twice re-elected. He is a member of the G. A. R. and commander of his Post. Is also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He was married February 13, 1866, to Sallie J. Waltz, of Marengo. They have four children living and one dead: James W., Tuda R. E. (deceased), Harry W., Lyeurgus L. and Gertie L.

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JAMES U. LASWELL was born in Rock Castle county, Ky., June 6, 1836, and is a son of James B. and Mary (Singleton) Laswell, both natives of the same county. They moved to Indiana and settled in Crawford county in 1856. The former was born March 20, 1806, and the latter in 1812. James U., the subject, was reared on the farm, and at the age of 20 entered the cotton mills at Cannelton, Ind., and took charge of a section of looms, but quit it after five years' service, on account of bad health.

He removed to Logan county, Ky., and engaged in farming and saw-milling. He removed back to Indiana in 1884, located at Taswell and opened a general store, and at the same time engaged in the timber business. He moved to English in 1888, and took charge of the English hotel. In 1858 he was married to Mary E. Johnson, of Logan county, Ky., a graduate of the Russelville Female College. She bore two

children—Douglas and Mary (the latter deceased), and died in 1860.

He married again, in 1861, Mary Rogers, of Logan county, Ky., who has borne nine children, viz: Joseph, Emma, Fanny, Mary, James M., Humas C., Rogers, Maggie and Lela. Mr. Laswell is a Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

DANIEL LYON, deceased, was born in Vermont in 1802, and was raised on a farm. He was educated in the common schools, and while a young man removed to Bullitt county, Ky., where he married Margaret Wells, daughter of one of the pioneers of that county. His father was Timothy Lyon, also a native of Vermont, whose ancestors came from England. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Daniel, the subject, moved to Leavenworth in 1820, and in 1830 began building skiffs, which are known far and wide as the "Leavenworth Skiffs." The firm is known as the D. Lyon Skiff Company. This business he continued until 1883, when he died. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon raised seven children, as follows: Amanda, Lavinia, Malinda, Rosilla, Preston, Eldorado and Wallace. Since the death of Mr. Lyon his business has been carried on by the eldest and youngest son. At present it is carried on by the youngest son. Wallace was married in 1876 to Jennie Lathrop, a daughter of Wilson Lathrop, and had six children. Mrs. Lyon died in 1882 and he married Susan Wilkins, daughter of David Wilkins. Three children was the result of this marriage, viz: Guy, Ray and Carl.

HAMILTON MARTIN was born in Crawford county, Ind., May 23, 1834, and

is a son of John and Nancy (McRae) Martin, the former born in Kentucky in 1801, near Covington; his father, Edward Martin, lived for many years in Kentucky, and about 1820 removed with his family to Indiana, settling near Mt. Sterling, the first county-seat of Crawford county, and was one of the pioneers; the latter Nancy McRae Martin, was born in North Carolina, and was a daughter of Alexander McRae, a native of Scotland. (For sketch of McRaes, see elsewhere in this volume.) Hamilton Martin, the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools. He was married at the age of 21 years to Miss Mary E. Seaton, a daughter of James Seaton, native of Pennsylvania and of German origin. He followed farming until the commencement of the Civil War, when, in November, 1861, he enlisted in Co. H, Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, participating in all the battles of this regiment; was wounded in 1862; was with Gen. Grant in the rear of Vicksburg. In May, 1863, he was captured and taken to Libby Prison, but was kept there but a short time, when he was paroled; in November he was exchanged, and again entered the service with his old regiment. He was discharged November 29, 1864, and then enlisted in the One hundred and forty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served to the close of the war. He entered the service as a private, and was mustered out as first lieutenant. Since he left the service he has been justice of the peace from 1868 to 1876, and has been postmaster at Grantsburg since 1879 (except one year), and was elected county commissioner in 1886; has been in the mercantile business in Grantsburg since 1879, and has a good business; carries about a four thousand dollar (\$4,000) stock of goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have two children, named Anna and Willie E. Anna married Riley Tadlock, and Willie married Miss Emma Conway, and is at home.

PETER M. OUERBACHER, a merchant of Leavenworth, was born Aug. 16, 1846, in this town, and is a son of Michael and Sarah (Lory) Ouerbacher, natives of Germany. The former came to Leavenworth, where he did a general trading on the river to New Orleans. Peter M., the subject of this sketch, was reared in Leavenworth, and received such education as the schools of the place afforded. Upon arriving at manhood he engaged in the wharf business, which continued about twelve years altogether. In the meantime he and his brother Joseph moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., and was in business there for three years. In 1883 he engaged in general mercantile business at Leavenworth, dealing in dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc., carrying a stock valued at about \$7,000. He was married in 1875, Miss Flora Dachamp, of Harrison county, Ind. She died in 1878, and in 1879 he married Ada C., a daughter of Dr. E. R. Hawn, deceased. He had one child by first marriage—Bridgie, and one by last—Gertie. He is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Honor.

STEPHEN C. PATTON was born in Crawford county, Ind., July 30, 1852, and is a son of William and Louise (Laswell) Patton. The former was born in Orange county in 1815, and moved to Crawford county in 1855. Stephen, the subject, was reared on a farm, and continued the business until 1882, when he opened a general store in Orange county, continuing the business in the county four years, when he

removed to English and opened a livery stable. After continuing this business a while he opened a drug-store. He was married in 1873 to Miss Elizabeth Longest, of Crawford county. They have five children, viz: Idena, Carrie, Fanny, Joseph W. and Nancy G. Mr. Patton is a prosperous and energetic business man and an excellent citizen.

NICHOLAS R. PECKINPAUGH, a native of Crawford county, Ind., was born March 7, 1845, eight miles below Leavenworth, on the Ohio river. His father, Peter Peckinpaugh, was a native of Breckinridge county, Ky., and his mother, Susan (Goldman) Peckinpaugh, was a native of Crawford county, Ind. His father settled in Crawford county in 1818, was a farmer, and kept a woodyard on the river bank for steamboats. N. R. was educated at the Louisville University, entering at 18 and remaining two years. He began the study of law at Leavenworth in 1868, with his brother, William H., and Col. Horatio Woodbury, and was admitted to the bar in 1869, and later to practice in the Supreme Court of Indiana. Was an Internal Revenue gauger in 1872; was a delegate to the National Republican Convention that nominated Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency; was an elector on the Garfield Presidential ticket in 1880, and made the race for prosecuting attorney against Judge Reinhart, and later against John Benz for State Senator, reducing the majority of the Democrats about 400. He was married May 8, 1868, to Mary M. Ouerbacher, of Crawford county, and they have seven children. Mr. Peckinpaugh is a fine public speaker, and a power on the stump in a political campaign. He was in May, 1887, appointed by the New Albany Presbytery a commis-



sioner to the General Assembly that met at Omaha, Neb. He is an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and has been master of Leavenworth Lodge. He is also a prominent and enterprising citizen of Southern Indiana.

Major Peckinpaugh is an applicant for the office of U. S. Attorney for the district of Indiana under the new administration. His supporters for this place are among the best lawyers and politicians of the State. His ability as a lawyer and as an advocate merits the place; then his Republicanism is of the highest grade. He spares neither time nor money for the success of his party.

JOHN I. PECKINPAUGH was born in Ohio township, Crawford county, Ind., April 1, 1837, and is the oldest son of Nicholas and Eleanor (Shekell) Peckinpaugh; the latter was a daughter of Abraham and Rebecca (Coy) Shekell, of Kentucky. Nicholas Peckinpaugh was born in Breckenridge county, Ky., January 1, 1810, and was a son of John Peckinpaugh, a native of Pennsylvania, who moved to Kentucky and settled in Breckenridge county among the first settlers. A little later he and his friends removed to Indiana, and settled in what is now Crawford county, when Indians were still plenty.

John Peckinpaugh built the first "wood-boat" on the Ohio, which he kept for years and supplied steamboats with wood. Nicholas Peckinpaugh was a man of some prominence and served three terms in the Legislature. The family settled here however before the era of steamboats. When they first came they had to keep guard over the men to protect them from the Indians, while at work building their cabins, clearing grounds and making their first crop. To procure supplies, such as sugar and

coffee, and salt (this was before Moorman's Salt Works at Brandenburg), they went up the river to the Falls in a pirogue, which is a kind of canoe dug out of a tree, and brought down these articles of necessity to their settlements.

John I. Peckinpaugh, the subject, relates the following pioneer incidents of his grandfather's residence in Kentucky: He (subject's grandfather) and one of his brothers were going to school, when he was struck with a presentiment that he must run. His brother was crippled with "stone bruises" and could not run, but he started in a pretty rapid trot, and had proceeded but a short distance when he saw some Indians concealed by the path. He sheared around and ran as fast as his legs could carry him, but had not gone far before he hears his brother scream, by which he knew the Indian had captured him. He ran home and told the dismal story, and at once the neighbors were aroused and started in pursuit of the savages, whom they overtook just as they reached the Ohio river. When the savages saw they must be overhauled, they tomahawked their prisoner and threw him into the river.

Nicholas Peckinpaugh died in 1859; his widow is still living. John I. Peckinpaugh, the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm, and received such education as the country schools afforded. In January, 1860, he married Lavina T. Williams, of Perry county, Ind., a daughter of Garret Williams from Tennessee, a native of North Carolina, and one of the earliest settlers about Troy, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Peckinpaugh have four children living, viz: Frank, Emma, Nellie and Thomas, all of whom are at home. Mr. P. owns 432 acres of good land on the river, well improved and in a high state of cultivation. He is a zealous member of

the Masonic fraternity, and with his family are church members. He has never held office, but has devoted his time and talents to his family and their support.

ABRAHAM N. PECKINPAUGH was born in Crawford county, Feb. 13, 1839, and is a son of Nicholas and Eleanor (Shekell) Peckinpaugh, who were among the first permanent settlers of the county. (For particulars of family history, see sketch of John I. Peckinpaugh.) Abraham, the subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm near Alton, Ind., and was educated in the old time subscription-schools of the county.

In 1860 he was married to Emma Williams, a daughter of Garret Williams, of Perry county, but who came from Tennessee and settled in that county in an early day. Mrs. Peckinpaugh died in 1865, having borne one son, who preceded her to the "land of shadows" a few months.

Mr. Peckinpaugh again married in 1874, to Miss Bettie Wilson, at Sweet Springs, Mo., a daughter of Thomas Worth Wilson, who was born in North Carolina in 1792. He was a man of prominence. His father, William Wilson, was made poor by the war of the Revolution, and Thomas was compelled to earn his own living, at the same time, through his own exertions, he received more than an ordinary education, having attended Washington College, in East Tennessee two years. He studied law and had a lucrative practice.

Under the administration of President Van Buren he was appointed Indian Agent, and as such had charge of the removal of the Indians from Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, to their reservation beyond the Mississippi. Mrs. Peckinpaugh still retains the certificate of his appointment, signed by President Van Buren. She also

has the marriage certificate of her grandfather, William Wilson, which was issued in 1779. Her great grandfather was kidnaped in his native country (Scotland), and brought to the province of North Carolina, about 1725-30. Her father, Thomas W. Wilson, removed to Texas about 1850, and was admitted to practice law in that State, but some years prior to his death, which occurred in October, 1862, he gave his attention to farming.

Mrs. Peckinpaugh's mother's maiden was Catherine Calhoun Caldwell, whose father, William Caldwell, was a Revolutionary soldier. A price was set upon his head by the British during the struggle, for his strong principles of liberty; he was of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Peckinpaugh have two children, Winolah E. and Calhoun C., aged eleven and eight respectively. When Mr. P. commenced business he engaged in farming, and then with his brother in a general store at Alton, Ind.

At the close of the civil war he went into the lumber business. He is one of the proprietors of the Peckinpaugh, Harrison & Co.'s Mills, situated on the Ohio, near the mouth of the Little Blue river. It is one of the most extensive manufactories of the kind in the State.

The novelty department is one of the largest, and turns out all the work of such an establishment. Mantels are built and all the material for finishing the finest houses. Mr. Peckinpaugh is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has a handsome and comfortable home in the suburbs of Alton.

ELIJAH E. RICHARDSON, a merchant of Leavenworth, was born in Jefferson county, Ind., March 7, 1859, and is a son of John Richardson, who was born in Butler county, Pa., removed to Indiana in 1855,

and settled in Jefferson county, where he engaged extensively in farming. His mother, Margaret Martin, was also born in Butler county, Pa., when she was married to John Richardson, the father of Elijah E. John Richardson served in the regular army five years as a private soldier, and in the late civil war three years as captain in the Union army.

Joseph Richardson, the grandfather of Elijah E., was a native of Butler county, Pa., and settled in Jefferson county among the earliest settlers of that county. Elijah E., the subject of this sketch, was educated chiefly in the public schools of Jefferson county, where he was reared, attending Hartsville (Ind.) College one term, working on his father's farm meantime until 1883, when he removed to Crawford county, and traveled a circuit as a minister in the United Brethren Church of Christ, carrying on also a country store. In January, 1889, he sold out his store and entered into partnership with William Everdon in a general merchandise business in Leavenworth, Ind. This he is now engaged in, and carrying an excellent stock, valued at \$6,000. He still preaches for the United Brethren Church, of which he is a consistent and exemplary member. He married Bessie E. Everdon, July 23, 1885, a native of Crawford county, Ind. They have two children, viz: Lilly Jane and Annie. Mr. Richardson's father is still living, resides in Jennings county, and is a hale old gentleman.

COL. GEORGE W. RIDDLE was born in Crawford county, Ind., in 1832, and is a son of Jesse Riddle, a native of Maryland, who settled in Indiana in 1825. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm, and educated in the common schools of the county. At the age of 22 he was married

to Louisanna Wiseman, a daughter of David Wiseman, a native of Kentucky, and whose people were among the early settlers of that State. They have eight living children, four boys and four girls. The subject served in the war, and rose to the rank of colonel. He was elected to the surveyor's office in 1854, and, with the exception of the time he was in the war, he has held it ever since, and now in connection with it he holds the office of real estate appraiser of land, and is one of the highly respected citizens of Crawford county.

GEORGE W. ROBERTSON was born in Crawford county, Ind., June 18, 1842, and is a son of George W. and Sarah (Kintner) Robertson, the former a native of Kentucky, and a son of Daniel Robertson, of Virginia, who came to Kentucky in 1799 and to Indiana in 1820; the latter a daughter of John Kintner and a native of Washington county, Pa., whose family came to Indiana at a very early day.

George W., the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm, and educated in the common schools. At the age of 18 he enlisted in Co. E, Thirty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years and seven months. At the end of three years he veteranized, and remained in the service until the close of the war, participating in all the battles in which his regiment engaged, the most important of which were Perryville, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Look-out Mountain (the battle above the clouds), siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, and was with Sherman in his "march to the sea;" was present at the surrender of Gen. Joe Johnston. He saw the war in all its phases, was in many close places, but returned home without receiving the slightest wound.

Mr. Robertson was married in 1865, November 7, to Miss Maria Martin, a daughter of Squire John Martin, who was born in Harrison county, his father being one of the earliest settlers of that county. Squire Martin was a justice of the peace for twenty-six years; was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a class-leader, and at the time of his death had been an official in that church for forty-one years. His wife, whose maiden name was Cassie Yates, survived him nine years. Her father, Robert Yates, was an early settler in Crawford county, and a miller. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have had three children, viz: Cora A., Emma and Jesse. Cora married Marcus Benham, and lives at Woodsdale, Kan.; Emma is at home, and Jesse died at the age of 11 months. Mr. Robertson is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a prominent member of the G. A. R. He owns a comfortable competence in the little town of Grantsburg, and at present is engaged in the hotel business.

HENRY H. SELSER, M. D., was born in Meade county, Ky., December 7, 1851, and is a son of Harvey G. and Mary (Poplam) Selser, natives of Kentucky. Henry H., the subject of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm and received an academic education. He read medicine with Dr. Clarence J. Prentice, a son of the renowned George D. Prentice, formerly of the old Louisville *Journal*, now a part of the *Courier-Journal*. He graduated from the University of Louisville in March, 1875. In 1877, he began practice at Leavenworth, where he has since remained, doing the largest practice of any physician of the place. From April, 1877, to December, 1880, he was a partner of Dr. Harris.

He was married June 4, 1888, to Amelia Benz, daughter of ex-Senator Benz, of Leavenworth. Dr. Selser is secretary of the County Board of Health, which position he has held since 1881, except the years 1883-84. He is a member of the K. of H. and Deputy Grand Dictator of the Leavenworth Lodge. He is a member of the County Medical Society, and the year (1877) it was organized he was chosen its first president.

GEORGE W. SLOAN is a native of this (Crawford) county, and was born July 6, 1841. He is a son of James G. and Martha (Sands) Sloan; the latter was born in Kentucky, November 7, 1807, and came to Crawford county, with his parents, when but nine years of age. The elder Sloan (James G.) was born near Raleigh, N. C., February 20, 1800, and when but six years old moved with his parents to Kentucky, where they lived until 1819, when they removed to Indiana, and settled in Crawford county. James G. was a man of some prominence in local politics, and was elected to the Legislature from Crawford county in 1840, by the Whig party. He held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years, also that of County Commissioner. George W. had the experience in his young days of country lads generally. He was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. When the civil war broke out in 1861, he enlisted in Co. F, Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served to the close of the war. He was married November 5, 1871, to Miss Sarah A. Dooley, of this county. They have five children living, viz: William W., James O., Lee Elwood (deceased), Sophia Ann, John G. and Archibald. He is a member of the Masonic order. He owns a good farm. In 1867 he went into

partnership in a store at English, with R. L. Sloan, which he continued until 1873, when he withdrew and returned to his farm.

DR. LEWIS B. STEWART, of Marengo, Crawford county, State of Indiana, was born December 22, 1819, on the farm where the said town of Marengo was afterward laid out in 1838, and has lived here ever since. Received a limited education in the crude and common subscription schools of the country. In 1837 married to Cynthia A. Weathers; to whom was born nine children—six boys and three girls—James C., Chloe A., Virgil A., Martha A., Richard D., Charles L., Millard E., Mary F., Oscar H.; the latter is now a Homœopathic physician. Dr. Stewart's occupation has been mixed: Farmer, mechanic, doctor, miller, merchant, justice, two terms; Notary, two terms; postmaster, twice, merchant, twice; has been a member of the Church of Christ for fifty years, and an elder in same for thirty years; was a soldier in the late Rebellion, was on active duty seven and half months, acting as first-lieutenant; belongs to the G. A. R.; was for the Union then, now and forever; Republican in politics. His wife died November, 1885. He was married to Lizzie Paterson in 1886, who is now his wife. His father, David Stewart, was born in North Carolina, July, 1775; was married to Anna Sloan in 1799. Moved and settled in Georgia for five years; then moved and settled in Kentucky, 1804; and in 1813 moved and settled on the site where the town Marengo now is and when the State was a Territory and was almost a wilderness. He lived here until November, 1854, when he died in his eightieth year. Anna Stewart's, his wife, death preceded his in 1846; in 1847

he married Elizabeth Springer, who survived him. He was one of pioneer settlers of this country; was a farmer, blacksmith and Christian minister, and held some prominent offices in Crawford county, to-wit: Associate and Probate Judge, and Representative to the State Legislature and presided over the first Whig convention ever held in the county in 1840. He had a father and two brothers in the Revolution, and to him and Anna Stewart were born nine children, seven boys and two daughters, as follows: John, James, David G., May, Eli, Samuel M., Martin T. Martha A. and Dr. Lewis B., two of whom were physicians, two Christian ministers. Three of the family still survive.—S. M., M. T. and L. B.

ARTHUR E. STEWART, Treasurer of Crawford county, was born in Marengo, Dec. 16, 1859, and is a son of William M. and Catharine (Watts) Stewart, natives of Floyd and Crawford counties respectively. The former resides at Marengo, and is a farmer. Samuel M. Stewart, the grandfather of Arthur E., came from one of the Carolinas and settled here early. His father, David Stewart, was one of the earliest settlers in Crawford county, and laid out the town of Marengo.

Arthur E., the subject of this sketch, was reared in the town of Marengo and educated at the Marengo College. He began life as a dry-goods clerk, which he continued for five or six years. In the fall of 1886 he was elected Treasurer of the county on the Republican ticket, by 135 majority, when the county was actually 300 Democratic, which demonstrates his general popularity. He was re-elected in 1888 by 155 majority. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and an exemplary citizen.

JAMES L. TEMPLE, of Temple, Ind., was born in Crawford county, June 10, 1818, and is a son of Caleb and Lettie (Osborne) Temple, the latter a native of North Carolina. Caleb Temple was also a native of North Carolina, born in 1794, and was a farmer.

He was an early settler in the county, and died in 1859. James L., the subject, was raised on the farm, and educated in the common schools of the county. He has followed farming, trading, and saw-milling through his life. He now owns between 1,500 and 1,600 acres of land in Crawford county, and 320 acres in Kansas.

He was married in 1863 to Miss Annie S. V. Hughes, of Crawford county, a daughter of Anamas and Mary (Craig) Hughes. They have two children living, Alphonsa and Clara Bell. He has a saw-mill at Temple, worth \$2,000. He laid Temple Station, on the Air Line railroad, which bears his name.

JOHN H. WEATHERS, a native of Orange county, Ind., was born April 28, 1860, and is a son of James and Sarah (Ellis) Weathers, natives, the former of Crawford and the latter of Floyd county.

Richard Weathers, the great-grandfather of John H., was born in North Carolina, and settled very early in Indiana, among the first settlers of his county. He served in the Indian wars of the early period, and was one of that hardy race of pioneers who fought to clear the country of the savages and make it a pleasant home for the whites. The family is of Scotch descent. James M. Weathers, the father of John H., enlisted in the One hundred and forty-fourth Indiana Vol. Infantry, and went to the field with his regiment, remaining in active service until the close of the war. He is a carpenter by trade.

The subject was educated at Marengo Academy and at New Albany. He first engaged in teaching school, then studied law. When admitted to the bar he entered the office of Peckinpaugh & Zenor in 1883. When Judge Zenor was elected judge Mr. Weathers was admitted to the partnership with Major N. R. Peckinpaugh in 1885.

He married Miss Nattie Holcroft, of Meade county, Ky., in November, 1888. He belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities; is senior warden in the Masonic lodge and secretary in the Odd Fellows lodge. He takes an active part in politics, and is the chairman of the Republican central committee of Crawford county.



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FRED AILER was born in Baden, Germany, in 1822, and is a son of Dennis and Barbara Ailer, natives of that country. They came to America when Fred was seven years old and located in Baltimore, when he (Fred's father) worked on a railroad at fifty cents a day. Two years later they moved to another part of the State and he engaged in the lumber business, which he followed for three years, when he went to the Alleghany mountains and kept a boarding house for a year and a half. He then removed to Ohio, where he lived two years; then came to Floyd county, Ind., and kept a boarding house on the Paoli Pike, near Mooresville; then moved on a farm in Daviess county, near Washington; from there he went to Celestine, Dubois county, where he kept a grocery and was squire. He died in 1845, while holding that position.

Fred went to the Mexican war with Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Knafe of the First Regiment of Indiana. In 1847 he returned from there to his home in New Albany, where he has been ever since engaged in contract work.

He was married January 9, 1847, to Nancy A. Brands, daughter of Tobias and Violet (MacFarland) Brands, of this county. They have one child, adopted,—Hattie, wife of Edward C. Burton, of Indianapolis. He is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church.

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STEPHEN J. ALEXANDER was born in York county, Pa., Feb. 10, 1812. His father,

Robert Alexander, was a native of Pennsylvania, belonging to an old Scotch family.

His mother, Elizabeth McKinley, was also a native of York county, Pa.

When the subject of this sketch was only ten years old, his parents removed to Belmont county, Ohio, where he was educated in the common schools until old enough to enter upon the study of medicine, in which he graduated with honor in 1839, and took up his residence in Clermont county, Ohio, where he practiced his profession with success until 1853, when he located at New Albany, where he has since resided, and where he stands in the front rank of his profession, with a large practice as evidence of his ability and success as a physician.

During the war he ranked high as a hospital surgeon, in which capacity he served, during its continuance, in the hospitals at New Albany.

He is now, and has been for a number of years, a member of the board of examining surgeons of pensions, and whether as a private practitioner or in the responsible positions he has held under the Government, he has honored his profession by his skill and fidelity to duty.

Dr. Alexander has been three times married, and ten children were born to him of these marriages. For forty years he has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity. In all the relations of his life he has been an honored citizen, and his professional career has won for him an honorable position among his medical brethren.

JACOB ANTHONY (deceased) was born in Paris, Ky., March 25, 1799, died in New Albany January 5, 1878. He came to New Albany about the year 1820. Was married to Sarah Ann Marsh July 21, 1822. He was a business man, being at one time a dry goods merchant, also in the grocery business, livery stable, etc. He served two terms as sheriff of the county, one term in the Legislature, and was collector of customs at this port under both administrations of Lincoln and both terms of Grant, holding the office up to the time of his death, when the office was abolished. He left six children.

He married Sarah A. Marsh, a daughter of Samuel Marsh. She was born in Middletown, N. J., August 4, 1805. They moved from New York City to New Albany in September, 1814, where she has resided ever since—coming out from New York in wagons to Cincinnati, from Cincinnati to New Albany in flatboats. New Albany was at this time a very small village of log cabins. Mrs. Anthony is supposed to be the oldest living resident in New Albany at this time. Her father, Samuel C. Marsh, was born in Amboy, N. J., May 16, 1777, and died in New Albany December 21, 1858. He came to New Albany in September, 1814, and was engaged in boat building until disabled by age. Her mother was Martha Seabrook, born in Middletown, N. J., April 27, 1787; died in New Albany April 12, 1878.

JAMES P. APPLGATE was born in Jeffersonville, September 29, 1838. His grandfather, Aaron Applegate, came to Indiana in 1806. His great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary army and also in the "Whisky Rebellion," and for forty years afterward a Hardshell Baptist preacher. Mr. Applegate was educated in

part in the common schools and spent three years in Indiana University. He read law and was admitted to the bar. He was two terms Recorder of Clark county, and for the past sixteen years has been one of the editors and proprietors of the *New Albany Ledger*.

Mr. Applegate is the present member of the Indiana House of Representatives for the district composed of Clark, Floyd and Jefferson counties, and is an active and useful member of that body.

WILLIAM R. ATKINS was born in Lafayette township, Floyd county, Ind., May 23, 1844. His parents, John A. and Emma (Jackson) Atkins, were natives of the same township. His grandfather, Harvey Atkins, was a native of Nelson county, Ky., and was one among the early settlers of Floyd county, coming into it while Indiana was a territory; and his grandparents on his father's side, John and Nancy Chew, came into the county in 1810, being the first settlers in Lafayette township, and the family still reside in the county. William R. Atkins was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the schools of the county. In 1862, at the age of 18 years, he enlisted in Co. C., Eighty-first Indiana Infantry, Col. W. W. Caldwell, of Jeffersonville, commanding, serving to the close of the war in 1865. During the term of his enlistment he was not absent from his regiment a single day, taking part in every skirmish and in every battle, bearing himself bravely, and escaping unhurt. On his return from the army, he began his former occupation of farming. In 1876 he was elected trustee of Lafayette township, serving four years. In 1880, he was elected commissioner of Floyd county, in which office he served four years. In



1884 he was elected county treasurer of Floyd county, and re-elected in 1886. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, taking an active interest in the organization. In 1866 he was united in marriage with Miss Haunah Mitchell, a native of Floyd county. Three children have blessed the marriage, all of whom are living. The public service of the county never had a more upright official.

ISAAC M. BAKER was born in Floyd county, Ind., March 8, 1825, and is a son of Benjamin and Margeret (Miller) Baker; the former came from Virginia to Indiana in 1813, the latter also came from Virginia about the same time both were of German origin.

Isaac M. was brought up on the farm, and learning beside, the trade of a cooper, a business he worked at for thirty years. He was married in 1849 to Miss Mary M. Wolf, a daughter of David and Mary (Utz) Wolf; the former was a native of Kentucky, and came, with his parents, to Indiana about 1807, and farmed in Floyd county for many years; the latter came originally from Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of twelve children, as follows: Louisanna, Hester Ann, Maggie, Ettie, Sally, Clay, Clara E., David, Jennie, Alta, Rosetthia and Isaac, of whom, Louisanna, Maggie and Sally are dead. Those living are all married except the three youngest, and have homes and families of their own, and all live in Floyd county, except Hester, who married a Mr. Beard and lives in Illinois.

Mr. Baker retired from the coopering business, bought a farm, and since has devoted his time to tilling the soil. He owns fifty acres of well improved and productive

land in Floyd county, which is well adapted to small fruits.

Mr. Baker is a member of the United Brethren Church, and, as common to that sect, is opposed to all secret orders.

JOHN F. BAKER was born at New Albany, Ind., May 22, 1850. He is a son of John B. Baker and Jane D. (Crump) Baker.

His father was born in Belgium, in 1826; came to the United States in 1832, locating at Louisville, Ky., and removing to New Albany, Ind., in 1848, where he engaged in farming until 1853, when he began the trade of steamboat building. John F. Baker's mother is a daughter of Thomas Crump. She was born in Hart county, Ky., coming with her father and family to New Albany, where he followed the occupation of a carpenter.

John F. Baker, after attending the public schools of New Albany, in 1868 apprenticed himself to the cigar manufacturers, Jacob West and Wm. Laughman, then doing business in New Albany. Serving his apprenticeship, he went to Louisville, Ky., and worked in the factories of Jacob Schmidt, Lapold Bros. and John Homyre, whose were then the leading cigar factories in the city. Returning to New Albany, he assumed the superintendency of James H. Draper's factory and retail store. This was in March, 1872. He subsequently went to Owensboro, Ky., and again went to work as a journeyman in the factory of Mr. Adolph Helmke, in whose employment he soon was promoted to the position of confidential clerk and business manager in the manufacturing, wholesale and retail departments of that establishment. This position he held until October, 1876, when he again returned to New Albany, and engaged in

the manufacturing and wholesale and retail cigar trade. While he was engaged in this business he employed a greater number of workmen than any other cigar factory in the city.

In August, 1884, he sold out to Caspar Feiock, but continued to superintend the business for that gentleman until March, 1885, when he embarked in the saloon business at No. 100 Pearl street, known as the Centennial saloon. Mr. Baker is connected with the Mammoth Insurance Agency, which does a general insurance in life, fire and accident risks.

In 1873, September 10, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Mary E. Grouse, daughter of Clemence Grouse, of Owensboro, Ky., and was born in Germany. Two boys and one girl have been born to the marriage, Walter E. and Arthur L. being born in Owensboro, Ky., and Gertrude O. in New Albany, Ind.

He is an encampment member of the I. O. O. F., a member of the endowment rank Knights of Pythias and a past junior saganore of the Independent Order of Red Men, president of the Brewer and Liquor Dealers' Association, also president of the Democratic Union Club of New Albany.

VALENTINE BECHT, general agent for pianos and organs, New Albany, was born in Germany February 11, 1828. He came to the United States July 19, 1853, and to New Albany in 1860. Here he was first engaged in teaching Catholic schools for five years; he then abandoned teaching Catholic schools, and turned his attention to teaching music.

In 1878 he was appointed to his present position, and is probably one of the most successful and well and favorably known piano and organ agents as there is in the State.

Mr. Becht was educated at the University of Speier, the ancient Emperor city of Germany. On leaving the University he taught Catholic schools in his native country for twelve years, and eleven years he taught in this country. Mr. Becht is a member of the Catholic Church. He is a composer of music of considerable reputation.

THOMAS BEDDOW, manufacturer of fine violins, violas, violoncellos, etc., and repairer of fine violins, corner of State and Main streets, New Albany, Ind., was born in Staffordshire, England, August 20, 1840, and came to America in 1867, locating at Youngstown, Ohio, whence, after a brief residence, he went to East Liverpool, Ohio, where for five years he was engaged in the manufacture of fire brick and terra cotta. Selling out this business, he removed to New Albany, Ind., in 1873, and engaged in the liquor business, in connection with his musical instrument factory. He keeps a full line of these fine instruments, selling them both in America and Europe. In 1865 he was married, in England, to Miss Elizabeth Fereday, of Staffordshire. Four children survive to bless the marriage: Florence E., Minnie L., Alice E. and William F. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Honor.

FRANK BELVIY, a native of France, was born May 13, 1848, and with his mother came to the United States in 1851 locating at New Albany. He attended the schools of New Albany. In 1873 he engaged in the grocery business at Sycamore and Sixth streets, which he continued eight years in connection with the commission business.

In 1880 he discontinued the grocery trade and engaged extensively in the produce,

grain and fruit commission business, which he continues to push with enterprise at Nos. 14 and 16 on Spring street, opposite the Federal building.

He was married in 1872 to Miss Mary S. Broecker, daughter of Conrad Broecker, of New Albany. They have seven children: Lizzie, Annie, Frank, Joseph, Martin and Gustave.

He is a member of the German Benevolent Society, St. Joseph Benevolent Society, the Catholic Knights of America and the Catholic Church.

As a business man he has been eminently successful, and is very popular. He is the son of Martin Belviy and Elizabeth Fougereuse, both natives of France. His father died in 1852. His mother crossed the ocean five times, between France and America. His father and mother first came to Pennsylvania about 1820, before there were any railroads or any turnpikes in the country, and had to travel in wagons. They remained for a number of years and then returned to France, with the intention of making that sunny land their home; but on the death of the father, in 1852, the family returned to New Albany.

His mother died here in 1874, at the age of 67. They were among the first settlers of New Albany, having come here from Pennsylvania. There were but few houses and no public improvements, railroads or turnpikes in the country at this time.

DONALD D. BLANCHARD was born at Louisville, Ky., October 14, 1863, and has been a resident of New Albany since 1866.

He graduated from the High School and from the New Albany Commercial College.

His father, John L. Blanchard, a native of Kentucky, was for many years engaged

in the clothing business at Louisville, but at the date of his death in 1870, and for some time previous, held a high position at the New Albany Rail Mill.

His mother was Sallie H. McDonald, daughter of the late Hon. John S. McDonald, of New Albany, a wealthy banker and pork packer, and widely known capitalist.

After his graduation, Mr. Blanchard took a clerical position in the office, at Louisville, of the L. & N. R. R. Co., but afterward returned to New Albany and entered the office of the DePauw American Plate Glass Works.

In 1880 he engaged in the coal business, which he still continues on Bank street, between Main and Water. He is a leading operator in the coal trade, having by energy and enterprise built up a large business, dealing in Pittsburg, anthracite, Connellsville coke and Blossburg smithing coals.

PROF. W. W. BORDEN was born at New Providence, Clark county, Ind., August 18, 1823. His father was John Borden, who was born at Portsmouth, R. I., in November, 1785, and came to Indiana in 1818, settling in Clark county, and laying off the town of New Providence, where he died November 7, 1824. He was the superintendent of the first cotton mill at Fall River, Mass. After coming to Indiana he followed the occupations of farming and mercantile business. Prof. Borden's mother was Lydia Bellows, born in town of Preston, New London county, Conn. She was a woman of marked individuality, and she was mentally fitted to become, as she did, one of the pioneer mothers of Indiana,—managing a farm and keeping an inn, thus educating her sons, William and John. Prof. Borden was reared at New Providence. After enjoying such advantages as the schools of

his native town afforded, he entered an academy at Salem, Ind., taught by John I. Morrison, a noted teacher of the times. He next entered the State University at Bloomington, where he remained some time. After leaving college he returned to his home, where for thirty years he engaged in farming, owning one among the finest farms in Southern Indiana, at New Providence.

Prof. Borden's superior acquirements in geology and the other sciences, which were self-taught while at work on the farm, gave him honorable rank among the scientific men of Indiana, and State Geologist Cox called him to his assistance in making the geological survey of the State in 1873. In this capacity Prof. Borden made an exhaustive and invaluable survey of a number of the counties of Southern Indiana, which are embodied in the report of State Geologist Cox and are standard authority in the geology of the State.

In July, 1878, he went to Leadville, Col., and engaged in mining and mining engineering. He was among the first of those who went to Leadville, and was a leading spirit in the discovery and development of the rich mines of that famous locality. He made an independent fortune by his operations and the sale of his mining interests within the period of one and one-half years.

On his return home he determined to carry out a noble object he long had at heart,—the founding of an educational establishment for his native town, that should take rank among the leading colleges of the West, a practical and thorough school for young men and young women, including a thorough business course. This laudable and noble ambition has been realized in Borden Institute. The corner-stone of this new institution of learn-

ing was laid with imposing ceremonies, at New Providence, on September 6, 1884, and the fine building was dedicated to the purposes for which it was erected, on July 4, 1885. The dedicatory addresses were delivered by Prof. W. H. Venable, of the Chickering Institute, Cincinnati, and Gov. Will Cumback, of Greensburg, Ind., both speakers being noted men in scientific and literary circles.

The main building, 55x65 feet, and three stories high, built of brick, is an elegant one in architectural design and finish. Attached to the Institute is a commodious dormitory for boarding students.

The founder has supplied every department of Borden Institute with apparatus of the finest and most expensive character; has furnished a Geological cabinet not excelled in the State; has collected a library containing the best standard works in all departments of literature, science, history and art; has erected a building of excellence and convenience. All these facilities he has secured regardless of expense, and he has provided the Institute with a faculty of the ablest and best educators, including the best teachers in music, piano, organ, and voice culture.

The curriculum of Borden Institute embraces all the branches of higher education taught in the best colleges, including also the normal school for teachers and the business college for young men and women.

Prof. Borden has made the library of Borden Institute one among the best in West.

This Institute is only one of Prof. Borden's many charities. He has given most liberally in aid of churches, other educational institutions, moral movements and other enterprises having in view the bet-

tering of the mental, moral, physical and material conditions of his fellow-men.

At New Providence, Prof. Borden owns a magnificent farm of nearly 2,000 acres, upon which he passes a large portion of his time when not traveling. In New Albany he owns and occupies one of most elegant homes in that city of beautiful residences. He is also a large owner of real estate in Washington Territory and elsewhere in the rapidly developing portions of the Great West and on the Pacific Slope.

He comes from English and Quaker ancestors, and inherits the sterling integrity that is a characteristic of the Friends. He is, withal, a man of great public spirit, of generous liberality to the worthy poor and afflicted, and has loved to bless those among whom his home is located.

Prof. Borden was married in November, 1884, to Miss Emma Dunbar, of New Albany, Ind., a lady of rare accomplishments. They have no children.

He is a member of the Baptist Church, and takes a great interest in the work of the church and Sunday-school. He is famed as a geologist and scientist, and his geological, mineralogical, and natural history cabinets and his private library are among the largest and best in Indiana.

He is a liberal contributor to the current literature and science of the times.

**CAPT. JOSHUA BRAGDON**, a native of Maine, was born June 6, 1806. When quite a young man he left his native State and made his home at Mobile, Ala., where he became largely interested in the shipping interests, owning one or two vessels on the Atlantic and several steamboats on the Southern rivers and lakes. During the summer months he would come to New Albany and superintend the building

of steamboats, which he would take South in the fall.

In 1849 Capt. Bragdon was united in marriage, at New Albany, to Miss Mary Louise Fitch, a daughter of Mason C. Fitch, Esq.

He was a Union man, and during the Rebellion his property in the South was confiscated by the Confederate Government, involving him in serious losses. After the war closed he invested in the New Albany Rail Mill, now owned by the heirs of W. C. DePauw, deceased, continuing in the business until his death in January, 1875. He left a wife and four children, as follows: Marshall Leighton, Clara Kimball, Mary Louise and Anna Maria.

Capt. Bragdon was a conscientious and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, a kind husband and a devoted father. He took great interest in the industries and other material enterprises of New Albany, and died respected and honored by all the people of the city.

Mrs. Bragdon's father, Mason Cogswell Fitch, was born at Williamstown, Mass., June 28, 1797. He graduated from Williams College, his father being the first president of that institution. While a young man he came to New Albany and read law with Judge Dewey, of Charlestown, Ind., and on being admitted to the bar opened an office in New Albany and practiced his profession.

He was elected president of the New Albany Branch of the State Bank of Indiana, and twice a year had to carry all the money of the bank to Indianapolis to the mother bank.

He superintended the erection of the Bank building, now occupied by the First National Bank of New Albany, and in that early day it ranked among the finest buildings in Indiana. He was an elder in the

First Presbyterian Church, and died November 29, 1848, leaving a wife and three children. His wife, Anna M. Paxton, lived until November 8, 1886.

JAMES F. BROTHERS, dealer in agricultural implements, garden, field and flower seeds and fertilizers, was born March 28, 1838, in Orange county, Ind.

His father, Wilson Brothers, was born in North Carolina in 1775, being a pioneer settler and Methodist of that county. His mother, Sarah Lewis, was a native of Indiana, and died at the home in Orange county in 1840, at the age of 60 years. Wilson Brothers lived to the age of 90 years, dying at the residence of his son Henry, at Reynolds, White county, Ind., in 1865. He was a man distinguished through life for his robust health, integrity of character and devoted religious life.

James F. Brothers, after receiving a public school education, was united in marriage in 1858 to Miss Rosalie Beswick, daughter of Thomas and Sallie H. Beswick, in Harrison county, Ind.

In 1861 he enlisted in Co. G, Twenty-fourth Indiana Infantry, Col. Alvin P. Hovey, and was in the campaign through Western Missouri with his regiment, fighting at Fort Donnelson and Fort Henry. From Fort Henry he was sent to an army hospital at Cincinnati, and was, with other Indiana soldiers who were broken in health, ordered home by Governor Morton.

His health improving, he returned to the army in time to take part in the great battle at Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing. Again he had to be sent to the hospital at Keokuk, Ia. Here his health failed so that he had to be transferred to St. Louis and then sent home, being honorably mustered out.

He came to New Albany in 1866 and engaged in real estate, buying, building and selling houses. In 1874 he engaged in the notion business, continuing it until 1880, when he engaged in his present business, which he has built up to the largest proportions. He is a member of the M. E. Church and also of the I. O. O. F.

JAMES BROWN, born April 3, 1842, at Aurora, Ind., and is the son of James Brown and Bettie Cox, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania, and both pioneers of Indiana. He enjoyed the advantages of a public-school education till he was eleven years old, and then went on the river, running on boats between Aurora and New Orleans, the male relatives being nearly all river men. He was at New Orleans, and left that city on the day Fort Sumter surrendered, April 14, 1861, and on arriving at home, April 20, 1861, he enlisted in the 7th Indiana Infantry, in the three months' service, and went to West Virginia, where he fought at Cheat Mountain, the first battle of any importance of the war, in which the Rebel General Garnett was killed. Serving out his term of enlistment he returned home, and on Dec. 16, 1861, enlisted for three years in the 52d Indiana Infantry. He served this term and was again honorably discharged and returned home, but again re-enlisted, and was finally discharged October 18, 1865, having been badly wounded in the battle at Nashville. He was in the battle at Fort Donnelson and many other severe engagements. He was married in 1868 to Miss Maggie Parsons, of New Albany, who died in 1870, leaving one child, Lillie. He married a second time to Mrs. Kate Lewis, who has a daughter—Lena Lewis, and to this marriage has been born Mary and

Maggie Brown. After returning from the war Mr. Brown was employed at the Glass Works, where he remained until May, 1887, when he was elected sexton of the city cemetery, which office he now most acceptably fills. Few soldiers have a better record than private James Brown. He served efficiently for one year on the New Albany police force.

PROF. JAMES BROWN, marble dealer, corner State and Elm streets, New Albany, Ind. Born in Ireland, Feb. 24, 1830. Came to this country at a very early age. Learned the monumental and marble grave-stone business in Baltimore, Md.; emigrated to New Albany in 1852.

Married Miss Ellen Wheelan, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1855, by whom he had eight children, two of whom are dead and the following are still living: John C., William J., Mary, Annie E., James and Charles A., who, with himself, are members of the Catholic Church.

Commenced the marble business in New Albany in 1856, and since then has done a very extensive business at home, and by agency throughout the South. He keeps a large number of finished Italian and American marble grave-stones and monuments, and Scotch and American granite monuments, and for beauty of sculpture, ornamental carving and lettering, cannot be surpassed.

The Professor is also by nature a poet; and had he turned his mind and attention in that direction he would have held a fair position among the ablest poets.

He has written several beautiful poems; a few of which are: "I Never Found a Friend," "Destruction of the Phoenix Mill," "Ben Fury," "The Vision," "Justice," "There is a God," "Skepticism," "The

Humble Grave," "Happiness and Contentment," "A Shoemaker's Epitaph," "The Farmer," "What I Love and Admire," "The Murdered Man, or the Drunkard's Fate," and "Wants of Woman," the latter a poem of great merit.

DR. WILLIAM A. BURNEY, born in Wayne county, Ind., May 11, 1846, was reared in Indiana, and learned the trade of plasterer.

In 1864, at Indianapolis, he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth U. S. C. Volunteers as a private, and continued in the service till June 24, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. Returning home, he remained there but a short time, starting to Canada September 8, 1865, where he worked in a grocery store, remaining till 1867, and attending school in the winter. Returning home he worked at his trade as a plasterer. In 1868, he went to Kansas City, where he remained a short time, working at his trade. All this time he had been attending school through the winter, and was a diligent student.

He graduated from the Central School at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1868. He read medicine under Dr. S. S. Boyd, at Dublin, Wayne county, Ind., and graduated from the Long Island Hospital College of Medicine in 1876. His rudimentary education was acquired in the public schools of Wayne county, Ind., and as opportunity afforded and his means justified, he attended medical schools until he was financially able to enter upon his last course at Long Island Hospital College of Medicine.

In the fall of 1877, Dr. Burney located at New Albany, Ind., and commenced the practice of medicine.

By his universally acknowledged skill as a physician and surgeon Dr. Burney has

built up a very large and profitable practice, having as his patrons many of the best families of the city, and being often called to adjoining counties in difficult cases of surgery and severe cases of illness, particularly those of a chronic character.

He is the owner of fine real estate, having in 1888 erected an elegant office and residence. He is unmarried.

In 1886 he was elected a member of the city Board of Health. He became a member of the Floyd County Medical Society in 1880. In 1884 he was elected vice-president of the society and became president through the death of the regularly elected president.

He has been engaged in the publication and editing of two newspapers published in the interest of the colored race, the *New Albany Review*, at New Albany, Ind., and the *Ohio Falls Express*, published at Louisville, Ky. He is also a contributor to several leading newspapers and medical journals.

He was, in 1884, appointed assistant honorary commissioner for the State of Indiana by the Board of Management of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition at New Orleans, on the recommendation of Hon. B. K. Bruce, chief of the department of colored exhibits, and served most acceptably and with honor to his State. While Dr. Burney is a colored man, he enjoys in an eminent degree the respect and confidence of the white people of New Albany and Floyd county, and numbers among his personal friends and patrons very many of the best white citizens and families.

He is a practical and splendid example of what education and integrity of character will do for the colored race.

MAJOR THOMAS CLARK was born in New Albany, Ind., December 29, 1837, and was reared and educated in that city, where he now resides. At the age of 17 he was apprenticed at the L., N. A. & C. machine shops, to learn locomotive boiler building, serving three years. Before the war he was captain of the National Zouaves, one of the best drilled companies in Indiana, and whose parades and drills created great excitement. At the breaking out of the war he recruited a company and joined the Twenty-third Indiana Infantry, serving three years, and being in all the engagements of that famous regiment until detached and placed upon the staff of Gen. W. Q. Gresham.

He was severely wounded in the battle at Champion Hills in the Vicksburg campaign. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he was honorably discharged, and returned home and recruited another company, and joined the One Hundred and forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, of which he was commissioned major. He served in this regiment until the close of the war.

His wound, disabling him from following his trade, he learned the trade of sheet iron worker, but this also he had to abandon on account of his wound. He then engaged in blacksmithing, which he still follows as contracting blacksmith of the DePauw American Glass Works.

He was married in 1859, to Miss Phœbe Curran, daughter of James Curran, of New Albany. Six children have been born to them, viz: William, Hettie L., George L., Malden W., Mary R. and Pearl P.

He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Pister) Clark, both natives of Philadelphia, who came to New Albany in 1819, when there were but a few houses in the town.





*Thomas Clark*



His father was a ship carpenter and a very prominent citizen, being mayor of the city from 1844 to 1847; he was also a member of the City Council for two years. He was extensively engaged in steamboat building, and operated a pump and block factory in connection with steamboat building. He was born in 1797, and died in 1856.

Maj. Clark's mother was born in 1799 and died in 1873, leaving three sons—Thomas, William and Joseph. William died July 13, 1886. Joseph resides at Birmingham, Ala. Maj. Clark, in 1886, was the Republican candidate for the Legislature against Hon. Charles L. Jewett, Democrat, and although the county was Democratic by 1150 majority, Maj. Clark was defeated by but 275 votes, receiving the largest vote ever given a Republican in the county for that office.

Major Clark is the patentee of the process for converting cast iron into steel, and has succeeded in forming a company in Louisville with a capital of \$1,000,000, known as the Falls City Malleable Iron and Steel Works, located at Logan street and Beargrass Creek. He is a superintendent of the works, and they are now making edge-tools of all kinds.

BENJAMIN F. CLINE, a native of Pennsylvania, was born January 18, 1835. He learned the trade of a carpenter in Philadelphia, and coming West settled at New Albany in 1848, following his trade for some time, and then engaging in the grocery and produce business. In 1871 he sold out the grocery store and engaged in his present business, that of a large dealer in all kinds of lumber. Mr. Cline, who possesses excellent business sagacity, found that his acquaintance with the carpenter trade was a great help to him in his lumber

business, as it enables him to know just what his customers need, and gives him a thoroughly practical knowledge as to the quality of lumber and timber, and what is necessary to make up the material for a building, no matter of what size. Mr. Cline has always been enterprising as a business man and citizen. He has served, most acceptably, several terms as a member of the City Council. He has been twice married. In 1860 to Miss Sallie A. Payne, of New Albany, who died the same year of her marriage. In 1864 he was the second time married, his wife being Miss Delia Lynn, of New Albany. Two children are the result of this marriage—Edward M. and Mabel. Mr. Cline is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias. He is a Presbyterian—a member of the Third Church.

FREDERICK D. CONNOR was born in Perry county, Ind., February 17, 1841, and reared and educated in that county, attending the common schools and afterward teaching school for two years. He gave up teaching when the war broke out, and enlisted, in 1862, in Co. K, 34th Kentucky Volunteers, serving until the war ended, going in as a corporal and coming out in the same position.

During the war he lost an eye from typhoid fever maltreatment. In 1865 he went into the Pension Office, at Indianapolis, as a clerk under Col. John W. Ray, serving two years. He then went into the insurance business.

He came to New Albany in 1870, and accepted the appointment of Deputy Internal Revenue Collector of the First District, under Col. H. Woodbury, continuing in the same position under Gen. James C. Veatch after the consolidation of the First

and Second districts, and Maj. W. W. Carter, on consolidation of the First and Seventh districts, retiring on the election of President Cleveland.

In 1884 he was appointed Traveling Auditor of the Lake Erie & St. Louis Railway, holding it until 1887, when he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the New Albany Forge and Rolling Mill, being a stockholder and director in the company.

He was married in 1871 to Miss Hattie, daughter of Charles Sackett; two daughters, Edna and Alma, being born to them.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity of the K. T. degree, and a Past Grand Master for Indiana of the A. O. U. W. and representative to the Supreme Lodge. He is a member of Wesley M. E. Church.

He is the son of Tarrence Connor and Nancy Tate, both natives of Indiana, his father being a prominent farmer of Perry county at his death, at the age of 50, in 1859. His mother died at the age of 56, in 1880. He has three brothers and five sisters, as follows: John T., editor, Toledo, Ill.; Tarrence, book-keeper, Baxter Springs, Kan.; George H., lawyer, Idaho, with whom Addie, a sister, lives; Eliza J., wife of B. E. Scribner, farmer and stock-raiser, Putnam county, Ind.; Mary C., wife of Wm. Wilson, Roachdale, Ind.; Emma, wife of Ransom Walls, U. S. mail agent, Greencastle, Ind., and Andro M., wife of Elijah T. Hawn, Leavenworth, Ind.

EDWARD CRUMBO is a native of Prussia, Germany, and was born in 1841. He is a son of Henry and Willemina (Hebner) Crumbo, who came to the United States and settled in New Albany, Ind., in 1846. The former was a stone-cutter, and opened a quarry on the Knobs in 1854, before the Bedford and Salem quarries were opened.

He is still living in Tippecanoe county. In 1870 Mr. Crumbo was succeeded in business by his son, and retired from active work. He served two years in the Common Council and was a hard working, honest active member. He fought the Gas Company on a new charter at their price. He was married February 5, 1861, to Phœbe Elizabeth Gardner, of Pulaski county, Ind. Nine children is the result of this marriage, four boys and five girls. He is a member of I. O. O. F., K. of P., A. O. U. W., Red Men, and German Benevolent Society. He has gone through the chairs of the Society of the Red Men, and has been trustee for eight years; has also passed through the chairs of the A. O. U. W.

In national elections he votes the Democratic ticket, but for local elections he votes for the best man. He built the court house at Salem, and a good many other public buildings, too numerous to mention.

PERRY N. CURL was born in Morrow county, Ohio, January 30, 1855, and was reared in Ohio until 22 years of age, when he located at New Albany, Ind. He attended the public schools of his native county and then graduated from the Commercial College at Delaware, Ohio. He was reared upon a farm.

He located in New Albany in 1877, and engaged in the grocery trade with J. R. Droyer for a partner. Starting with a capital of \$700, the firm continued until 1880, when he purchased Mr. Droyer's interest. Since then he has pushed his business with great good judgment and untiring enterprise, adding dry goods, boots and shoes, and a line of agricultural implements, and is doing both a wholesale and retail business to the extent of \$125,000 yearly.

He has purchased his store-house, a

large livery, sales and feed stable adjoining it, and owns a great deal of other real estate; this is the result of his liberal and energetic business methods. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

In 1878 he was married to Miss Mary A. McKibben, of Morrow county, Ohio, and has two boys, Walter and Arthur. He is the son of William H. Curl and Rebecca Johnson, both natives of Ohio.

His mother died when he was nine years old. His father is still living, and resides at Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio.

CHARLES A. DANZ, a native of New Albany, Ind., was born Dec. 9, 1859. His father, Andreas Danz, a native of Germany, came to America in 1847, and located at New Albany, where he engaged in the manufacture of soap on an extensive scale, which business he continued till his death, which occurred in 1877. His mother, Barbara Franck Danz, is the daughter of the late Capt. John P. Franck, one of the early settlers of the city, and one of its most enterprising and respected citizens, starting the first soap factory in the city, and commanding a company here during war of the Rebellion. He died at New Albany in 1864. Three children were born to Andreas Danz and Barbara Franck Danz, of whom Charles A. Danz is the only survivor. Charles A. Danz was educated in the public schools of New Albany, and graduated from the Commercial College of this city at the age of 17 years, taking charge of his father's large soap factory at his graduation, being a man of great business push and industry. In 1880 he engaged in the saloon business on Pearl street, which he continues at No. 113. He has been twice elected to the City Council from the Fourth Ward of the city, and is

now serving his second term. He was married in 1880 to Miss Minnie Shea, of New Albany, daughter of John Shea, and has two children, Andreas and Anna.

JOHN STEELE DAVIS (deceased), of New Albany, was born in Dayton, Ohio, November 14, 1814. His father, John Davis, was a merchant, and for many years magistrate of the county in which he resided. He married Elizabeth Calcier, of Princeton, N. J. He took an active part with General Wayne in the Indian war, after the defeat of General St. Clair. Judge Davis' grandfather, Capt. Joseph Davis, emigrated from Wales, and settled near Princeton, N. J. He participated in the struggle for independence, and was with General Washington at the battles of Monmouth and Princeton; at the latter place he lost a leg. John Steele Davis early gave his attention to study and entered Miami University at the age of 16; a short time afterward his father failed in business, which necessitated him to return home. He was now thrown upon his own resources for acquiring an education, and was obliged to assist in the support of his father and family. He afterward read law with W. J. Thomas, of Troy, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar. He immediately came to Indiana, settled in New Albany in 1836, where shortly after his arrival he commenced the practice of law. As a counselor and jurist, few men can claim a higher record; he was constantly engaged in his profession for a period of over forty years, and never prosecuted a man, nor allowed himself to be engaged to prosecute. He probably defended more men for high crimes and misdemeanors than any other man in the State, and was almost invariably successful. He was the first city clerk of New Albany, having been elected in 1839,

and was chosen city attorney in 1846. In 1841 he was elected to the State Legislature for the first time, and later served his county repeatedly in both branches, about twenty years in all. He was elected without opposition, in 1876, judge of the criminal and civil courts of Floyd and Clark counties, an office he did not seek, and only accepted at the earnest solicitation of friends. Judge Davis was an ardent Whig until that party ceased to exist. He was violently opposed to "Know Nothingism," and for a long time stood aloof from parties, but finally united with the Democracy. In 1843 he was the Whig candidate for Congress against Thomas J. Henley, Democrat, and in a district overwhelmingly Democratic was defeated by only thirty-seven votes. He was presidential elector for President Taylor; and in 1852 was a member of the National Convention that nominated General Scott for President. In 1860 Judge Davis was independent candidate for Congress against James A. Cravens, Democratic nominee, and was defeated by a very small majority. He was a warm supporter of the war for the Union, and had two sons in the war. The younger, John S. rose to the rank of captain, the other son, William P., to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Twenty-third Indiana Volunteers.

Judge Davis' death occurred some nine years ago.

HON. JOHN S. DAY, born in Floyd county, May, 20, 1842, son of Cook Day and Margaret Hanger. His father is a native of England, coming to New Albany, with his parents, in 1828, at the age of seven years, his father being the first extensive pork packer in this city, and he, when old enough, engaged in the business with his father, Christopher Day, and subsequently for twenty years freight agent of

the New Albany & Salem (L., N. A. & C.) Railroad, being among the earliest of the employes of that road.

Margaret (Hanger) Day is the daughter of Frederick Hanger, a soldier of the War of 1812, and who in 1814 entered 160 acres of land six miles west of New Albany. She is a native of Floyd county, although her father was a Pennsylvanian.

John S. Day was reared and educated at New Albany. At the age of 15 he commenced life for himself as a messenger boy on the L., N. A. & C. Railroad; he was a good messenger boy and by a series of promotions he was sent to the front—from one grade to another—until in 1870 he had reached the position of general superintendent of the "Monon."

In 1880 he built the Monon branch from Delphi, to Chicago; prior to this time in 1865, he superintended the building of the J., M. & I. Railroad between New Albany and Jeffersonville, and was for three years agent of that line. After the completion of the "Monon" he retired from railroad service.

In 1868 he was one of the originators and stockholders in the New Albany Steam Forge—now the New Albany Steam Forge Rolling-mill—which was first organized with \$50,000 capital, and now has \$175,000 capital, Mr. Charles Sackett being president.

Mr. Day has also managed extensive lumber interests. He has not however been engaged in very active business during the last five years.

He was twice elected to the City Council from the second ward, and distinguished his terms in that body by his vigorous work in favor of municipal economy and honesty.

In 1884 he was elected to the State Senate from the counties of Floyd and

Washington, and was chairman of the committee on Congressional and Senatorial Apportionment for the redistricting of the State in 1884.

In the session of 1886 he was chairman of the Committee on Railroads was on the Committee on Corporations, on Swamp Lands and Claims. He had served on all these committees in the session of 1884-5, and on the Committee on Banks and County and Township Business.

He has been an Odd Fellow since in 1862.

In 1866 he was married to Miss Mary A. Hangary, a native of Pennsylvania. Two sons and a daughter have born of this union; all are living.

JOHN DINKLE was born in Floyd county, Ind., Dec. 14, 1867, and WILLIAM DINKLE was born March 7, 1862. They are sons of Henry W. and Malinda (Rue) Dinkle, natives of Germany, who came to America some half a century ago. They came when sailing vessels were the mode of travel between the Old World and the New, and were six weeks in making the voyage. When Mrs. Dinkle's parents settled in Floyd county, there had been few improvements made in the face of the country. Hence the changes that have taken place since then are wonderful in the extreme. Their children were Lizzie, Malinda, Henry, William, John and Maggie. They all live in Floyd county. John and William Dinkle were brought up on their father's farm, and were educated in the common schools of the county. The Dinkle boys, as they are familiarly called, are young and intelligent men, and enterprising farmers. They are considerably interested in the culture of fruit, and their farm near Edwardsville is a model of neatness, and contains 38 acres

in a high state of cultivation. They also own 95 acres in Georgetown township. They are fast accumulating wealth, and are among the most prosperous men of their neighborhood.

NORTON B. DUNCAN was born in Floyd county, Ind., on the 23d of November, 1835, and is a son of James T. and Kitty (Bateman) Duncan, the former born in Jefferson county, Ky., and the latter in Indiana. The Duncan family can be traced back to the Duncans of Westmoreland county, Va. The father of James T. was Charles Duncan, a son of Henry Duncan, born in Virginia, and whose father, Coleman Duncan, was one of the pioneers of Kentucky. He was a zealous Whig when that title was applied to the patriots in contradistinction to the Tories, during our Revolutionary period. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and came to Kentucky about 1793. His father, Henry Duncan, was the first of the family born in America (born 1710, and died in 1790), and from him descended, directly or indirectly, the Braggs, Asburys, Browns, Lewises, Whites, Hutts, etc. His parents came from Scotland, where, as all who are familiar with Scottish history, know the family was not only one of prominence, but noble, with the blood of kings coursing in their veins. Duncans have even occupied the throne of Scotland. The subject of this sketch, Norton B. Duncan, was brought up on the farm, and received his education in the common schools of the county. He learned the tanning business, which he followed until 1866, when he sold out to his brother Charles. He then made a trip west as far as Iowa, where he remained three years; then returned to Indiana. Later he removed to Illinois, but

still not satisfied he again came back to Indiana, and accepting the tradition that "a rolling stone gathers no moss," he settled down permanently where he now lives. In April, 1858, he was married to Miss Jennie Garrison, a daughter of Gamaliel and Priscilla (Daily) Garrison, the former a native of New Jersey, and who came to Indiana in a very early day. He was a surveyor and did much surveying in Floyd county, and lines and corners established by him are still considered indisputable. Priscilla Daily Garrison's family was of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have never had any children, but have raised two children, viz: William B. Hinkley, now agent of the American Express Company at New Albany, and James Duncan, from infancy to manhood. Mr. Duncan has  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres of highly improved land, and upon which he cultivates small fruit. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE W. FISHER is a native of Floyd county, Ind., and was born October 9, 1832. He is a son of Jacob and Jane (Thomas) Fisher, the former a native of Pennsylvania, but of German descent, and the latter a native of Virginia. Her family moved from there to Missouri when it was the frontier of civilization, and there most of them sickened and died. George W., the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm, and educated in the common schools, his education being limited. In 1858 he was married to Miss Sarah E. Moser, born in 1838 in Floyd county, and a daughter of John Moser and Mary (Betty) Moser, the latter a native of Tennessee. She is still living, at the age of 75 years. She had four sons in the late Civil War, all of whom are dead, except one. Mr. and

Mrs. Fisher have had five children, viz: Catherine, born in 1859, married to George Jones, and lives in Texas; Alice M., born in 1861, and married to John Govern; Georgiana, married to William Capper, and lives in Edwardsville; Horatio, born September 11, 1866, and died at the age of five years, and Hattie B., still at home with her parents. Mr. Fisher enlisted in August, 1862, in Co. A, Eighty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the following battles: Perryville, Edgefield, Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, Buzzard Roost and Atlanta. In 1864 he was transferred to Louisville, Ky., and placed on duty there, taking men from one point to another. May 26, 1865, he was mustered out of the service, and honorably discharged.

CAPT. ANDREW FITE was born in Clark county, Ind., July 7, 1832, but was reared in Harrison county. He graduated from the Floyd County Seminary, at Greenville, where he was an assistant teacher and where he received a certificate to teach. At the inauguration of the present school system of Indiana he began to teach, and continued as a teacher four years. In 1855 he commenced the business of a carpenter and joiner and house-building contractor, continuing at it till 1862, when he enlisted as private in Co. C, Sixty-sixth Indiana Infantry. He was in the battle at Richmond, Ky., with his regiment. He marched with Sherman, to the sea, through Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia, and to Washington City, taking part in all the battles of that memorable and brilliant campaign, and was honorably mustered out at Washington City in June, 1865.



Since the war he has been doing noble work for the Grand Army of the Republic. He organized Sanderson Post, No. 191, at New Albany, and about twenty Posts in other parts of Indiana. He was senior vice-department commander in 1886, and is now department inspector. He was promoted during the war to orderly sergeant and declined a promotion to a captaincy tendered him. In 1854 he married Miss Nancy Speake, of Floyd county, Ind., who died in 1857, leaving one child, which survived but a short time. In 1860 he married Miss Levinia Sappenfield, of Harrison county, Ind. They have no children. He is the son of John Fite, a native of Pennsylvania, and Eliza Starr, a native of Kentucky. They came to New Albany in 1816, the year Indiana was made a State. The town then had but three business houses, one of these being the trunk of a large sycamore tree on the river bank, and there were not to exceed twenty residences.

**SHERMAN FRISBIE** was born at Milltown, Crawford county, Ind., June 21, 1839. He was reared at Milltown until he was seventeen years old, when he was sent to the Bliss Academy, at New Albany, Ind., where he completed his education. After his graduation he secured a position as second clerk on a steamboat on which his brother Junius L. was chief clerk. He continued as clerk on various steamboats for several years, running between Louisville and New Orleans. In 1864 he and his brother Junius L. purchased the steamboat Idaho, which they run in the Louisville, New Albany and New Orleans trade, selling this boat in 1865. He then quit the river and took the management of the large business of his father, who had removed from Milltown to New Albany. His manage-

ment was so enterprising and well directed that the value of the large estate was greatly enhanced. He was a careful but public spirited business man, always distinguished for his genial social traits, and had hosts of warm personal friends. He was married in 1864, to Miss Mary L. Thorp, of New Orleans, La. There were born to this marriage three children: Frank, Sherman and Mary E. He died June 27, 1886. He was a member of the City Council from the Second Ward for two years. He was the son of Libbeus Frisbie and Martha Matthews. His father was a prominent and enterprising merchant and farmer of Milltown, Crawford county, Ind., being one of the earliest settlers there. He was a native of Connecticut. He was married at New Albany, Ind., in 1822, his wife being a native of New Jersey, but a resident of New Albany at the time of their marriage. They were honored in life for their many excellent traits, and sincerely mourned at their death. Both died at New Albany.

**CAPT. RICHARD F. FULLER** was born in Jeffersonville, Ind., February 3, 1832, being a son of Major Charles and Catherine A. (Stewart) Fuller.

His father was a native of Boston, Mass., and came to Indiana as Major of the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment in 1811, and fought under Maj.-Gen. William Henry Harrison in the battle at Tippecanoe, November 7, 1811. His mother, Catherine Anstey Stewart, was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and was reared in the family of Major-General Harrison, and was one of the wives of officers taken prisoners at the surrender of General Hull. Her death occurred in 1867. At the close of the War of 1812, Major Fuller and wife were ordered to Pittsfield, Mass., and was commander there

until the post was abandoned, whence they shortly after returned to Indiana, locating at Jeffersonville, where he died in 1839, leaving a wife and seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch, Capt. Richard F. Fuller, was the youngest.

His mother died in Jeffersonville in 1867. Her companions in captivity at Hull's surrender were the wife of Captain Bacon and the wife of Lieut.-Col. Gooding.

Captain Fuller received his education in the public schools of Clark county, and at the age of 19 years commenced his career as a steamboat clerk on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, which he continued for twenty-five years. During that period he was clerk on the steamers Alex Scott, T. C. Twitchell, E. H. Fairchild, in the Louisville and New Orleans trade, and captain of the steamers Luna, Ida Handy, Luminary and several others, thus making him one of the oldest of steamboatmen of the Falls Cities. Leaving the river he followed clerking in New Albany and at Louisville, and book-keeping in both cities, having been Deputy Clerk of the city of New Albany, and book-keeper at the Merchants' National Bank of New Albany, New Albany Cotton Batting Factory, and filled other equally responsible positions.

Captain Fuller was married in March, 1862, to Miss Dealie E. Bulkeley, of Louisville, Ky., and five children have blessed the union. Richard L., foreman in the carding department of the Batting Works; Clarence B., clerk in the Bank of Commerce, Louisville; Vivian, assistant of his brother Richard L.; Jamie A. and Hannah B.

J. F. GEBHART was born in Maytown, Penn., December 6, 1831, and worked during boyhood in his father's weave shop. His parents, John R. and Susan Young

Gebhart, were natives of Pennsylvania. He had few opportunities for studying books, but improved what he had to the best advantage. In early manhood he embarked in business, but, like many others, the investment proved unfortunate, and he was left without money but plenty of debts. He also, fortunately for himself, his creditors, and a good many other people, had plenty of grit left.

Like many in similar situations who are resolved to retrieve misfortunes and achieve success, he turned his eyes to the great and growing West. He had strong arms, skilled hands, a trust in his God and the courage to dare to do. These were his capital, and with these he started out in life. He now had two ambitions in life. In his first venture he had only future success to stimulate effort, now he had the incentive to win his way in life, and pay the debts left behind him in his old home. The task was not easy.

After looking about for a location he selected New Albany on account of its favorable location. There was no other inducement, for he was, indeed, a stranger in a strange land. The prospect was gloomy, but there was firm faith in the future. Work came as it always will to him who seeks it. There were drawbacks and disappointments. Work was sometimes very slack and the employment not at all times agreeable, but he was on the road he had started to find, and he determined to travel it. On the smooth places he would make all the speed possible, and the rough ones he would jump over, stumble over, any way to get over, but he kept going, and he is still going, and the road keeps getting smoother. But long ago he reached the goal of one ambition. He paid off every dollar of debt and interest he left behind in Pennsylvania. Mr. Gebhart has also

accumulated a handsome property in New Albany, lives in and owns one of the many handsome residences in this city of beautiful homes.

Here, perhaps, this notice might end, but the steps along which Mr. Gebhart strode to success, are matters of special interest to his friends, and of general interest to the citizens of New Albany. The example of his course is also valuable to the young.

Mr. Gebhart's first effort in New Albany was to start a woolen mill. This he accomplished in a small way, during the year 1861, with Mr. John T. Creed as a partner. The latter soon, however, withdrew to embark in other business. Mr. Gebhart continued, determined to stick to the tree he had planted, and succeeded in maintaining and enlarging the mill so that to-day it is the largest woolen and cotton mill combined west of the Allegheny mountains, and which New Albany can be, and is, justly proud of.

Mr. Gebhart did not stop with the woolen and cotton mills, but he turned his attention to other enterprises that now beautify and adorn the city, as well as add to its material prosperity. Next to the woolen and cotton mills stand the New Albany water works as a testimony to his public spirit. He was among the first to agitate the building of the works, and his pen contributed numerous articles on the subject to the columns of the *Ledger*, advocating their building. It required a great deal of tact, energy and ability to put the works through, but they were built, and have no superior in the United States, and to J. F. Gebhart belongs the honor.

His next idea was a hosiery mill, and this was materialized by the building on Ekin avenue, by W. A. Hedden & Co., of the largest and finest mill of the kind in the West.

Besides other and minor enterprises Mr. Gebhart was one of the first citizens of New Albany who joined as a stockholder and director in the building of that grand structure, the Kentucky and Indiana bridge, and lastly, so far, but not least, in the building of the Eastern Railway, of which he is a director and vice president.

And all this by a man who came among us less than a generation ago, poor and unknown, and who by his own genius for improvement, his stability of purpose, has risen to the honorable position in the business world he now occupies.

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GEORGE H. GODFREY was born in Genesee county, town of Stafford, N. Y., September 16, 1839, and is a son of Alonzo and Harriet (Waternam) Godfrey, natives of N. Y. George was but 12 years of age when his parents removed to Michigan. He received a good practical education, and to his other qualifications was added telegraphy.

At the age of 21 he came to Indiana as a telegraph operator, and in 1861, on the 8th of July, he came to New Albany as manager of the Western Union telegraph office. In 1862 he joined the telegraph corps, and was three months with Gen. Negley's corps in Tennessee, when he returned to New Albany and has remained manager of the Western Union telegraph office of that city. He has always been in telegraph business. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Honor and Knights and Ladies of Honor, and has held all the offices in the lodge. In 1886 he was elected grand protector of the Knights and Ladies of Honor of the State, and re-elected in 1887, and in 1888 he was elected supreme representative to the Supreme Lodge for four years, which meets every two years.

He is also a member of the Odd Fellows. He was married December 24, 1862, to Miss Emma L. Johnson, daughter of James Johnson, Esq., deceased, of New Albany, Ind. They have three children: Harry, Mrs. Jennie Mathers and Mrs. Carrie Steinhauer.

JOSIAH GWIN was born in Lanesville, Harrison county, Ind., January 28, 1834. When but eight years he came to New Albany with his father's family. His education was limited to the common schools, and in 1850, when but 17 years of age, he left school and took work with a party of surveyors on the railroad from Lafayette to Michigan City, now a part of the "Monon Road." His father died in 1852, was sheriff at the time, and Josiah went to clerk for Martin H. Ruter. Phineas M. Kent was appointed postmaster by President Pierce, and Mr. Gwin was selected as his clerk.

In the fall of 1856 he began his career as a newspaper man, by accepting the city editorship of the *New Albany Ledger*, which he continued until 1860, when he was elected County Recorder. This office he held by successive elections until 1869. In July, 1871, he founded the *Daily Standard*, a paper soon after consolidated with the *Ledger*, and Mr. Gwin continued as editor until 1881, when he sold his interest and retired; but soon entered the journalistic field again, and founded the *Public Press*, which paper he still conducts. He will also establish a daily newspaper at New Albany within a few weeks.

JAMES MONROE GWIN was born in New Albany, Ind., October 22, 1837. He was educated in the public and high schools of the city. During the administration of

President Buchanan, from 1857 till 1861, he was assistant postmaster of New Albany under his cousin, F. M. Gwin. During the first year of the war he was in employ of the late Hon. W. C. DePauw, supplying feed for the Government. In 1862 he engaged in the livery, sale and feed business with his father, and in 1867 they added the undertaking business, under the firm name of Merker & Gwin, and he is still engaged in this consolidated business, with one of the the most extensive plants in the city. He is a man of business energy and his popularity has won him a very profitable business. He was married in 1860 to Miss Julia Merryman, of Floyd county, Ind., who died in 1872, leaving no children. He was again married in 1875 to Miss Carrie C. Warren, of New York. Two children, Newland and Edith, have been born of this marriage. He is a son of Berry Gwin, one of the old and well known citizens of New Albany.

LOUIS HAMMERSMITH was born in Germany November 28, 1852, and came to America with his parents in 1852, and located at New Albany, Ind., where he enjoyed the advantages of the public schools until he was fifteen years old. He then commenced driving a wagon for his father, Charles Hammersmith, which he continued to do for six years, attending to his father's business for two years after his death, which occurred Sept. 8, 1875, his father running five wagons at the time of his death. In 1880 he purchased the wagons and sixteen horses of the heirs in the estate, and has followed teaming, chiefly between New Albany and Louisville, ever since, now employing forty head of horses in the business. He is a splendid illustration of a thorough-going self-made, pushing business man. He is a member of the Masonic

fraternity and the I. O. O. F. He was married April 29, 1879, to Miss Minnie Shoaf, of New Albany. They have three children: Louis, Eva and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Hammersmith are members of the German Evangelical Church.

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ELDER MARTIN V. HANGER was born in Floyd county, Ind., December 28, 1825, and is a son of Frederick and Margaret (Cook) Hanger; the former was a native of Augusta county, Va., and died here in 1872, at the age of 75 years; the latter was born in Hesse-Darmstadt. Her parents came to this country soon after the Revolutionary war, and, like many others, in order to get to Free America, sold themselves for a certain length of time, to pay their passage to this country. They saved their money until their servitude was at an end, that they might have something to begin the world with. Frederick Hanger used to boast that he had six uncles who came to this country from Switzerland in colonial times, all of whom served in the Revolutionary war. Martin V., the subject of this sketch, is essentially a self-made man. His education has been attained through his own exertions, and by dint of hard work. His boyhood was spent on the farm and working in a cooper shop. He attended the schools of the county. These were quite inferior to the common schools of to-day. They were paid for by general subscription, according to the number of pupils each patron sent to school. Mr. Hanger was educated in these schools. At the age of 15 an objection was raised to his attending school, because he gave the teacher so much trouble, and he was taken away; but he did not discontinue his studies—he kept them up at home, and by the time he was 20, he was

qualified to teach. His spare money was spent for books, and he became a good English scholar. He taught about four years in Floyd county, and in 1857 he moved to Harrison county, and in 1863 was elected school trustee of Posey township, and re-elected, serving two terms, after which he was chosen county commissioner for one term. He then removed back to Floyd county, where he has since resided. He owns 329 acres of fine land, which he has in a fine state of cultivation and well stocked. His land is situated in both Floyd and Harrison counties; he resides on that lying in Floyd county, and in sight of his birthplace. Recently he has erected a fine residence, which he designed himself, and which has some peculiarities. Each room is finished in a different style—one in white walnut, one in black walnut, one in wild cherry; while the hall has a specimen of every kind of wood common in this section. The design of the house was obtained by Mr. Hanger from a picture frame he has, which contains 103 kinds of wood, much of which is historical. For instance, one piece was water oak, from the old brig Constitution, another from the charter oak, etc.

Mr. Hanger was married in October, 1847, to Miss Sarah Blunk. They have never had any children; but have raised four boys and one girl, and educated them. Mr. Hanger is a prominent Mason, and a zealous Christian and minister of the Gospel. For thirty years he has been a minister of the Christian Church.

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JAMES G. HARRISON was born at Xenia, Ohio, September 29, 1834, and came with his parents to New Albany, Ind., in 1839. His father, George H. Harrison, was a native of Harrisonburg, Va., born in

February, 1809, died at New Albany in 1854. He graduated from Augusta College, Ky., was a teacher of rare ability, and came to New Albany to take charge of a Methodist Seminary that had been located here by the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church. The greater part of his life was devoted to teaching, though he served as Postmaster under the administrations of Taylor and Fillmore—1849-1853. His wife, Sarah P. Grover, was a native of Greene county, Ohio, born in 1810, and died at New Albany in 1873, aged 63 years.

James G. Harrison, son of this worthy couple, was educated in the schools of New Albany, graduating from its high school. During his father's four years' term as Postmaster he was his deputy. At the conclusion of his postoffice service, he entered the office of Dr. William Cooper, for the purpose of studying medicine, but, his father dying a year later, he had to give up his studies. He then was elected Recorder of Floyd county as the Republican nominee, serving a term of four years. In 1862 he was appointed Deputy Postmaster by Hon. John M. Wilson, where he served one year, and was then appointed Assistant Revenue Assessor for the New Albany Division by Assessor Thomas C. Slaughter, serving until that office was abolished. He was then appointed Deputy United States Clerk and United States Commissioner for the Federal Court of New Albany, still holding both these offices. He is also a trustee of the city schools and secretary of the board, a trustee of the DePauw College for Young Women, a member and officer of the I. O. O. F., a member and officer of the Wesley M. E. Church, and has for fifteen years been engaged in the insurance business.

On the 24th of May, 1856, he was mar-

ried to Miss Hester A. Hart, daughter of late ex-mayor William Hart, of New Albany. He has three children—George W., James B. and Walter G.

DAVID HEDDEN was born September 5, 1802, in Newark, N. J., and is a son of Stephen and Sallie (Peck) Hedden, natives of that State. The former came to Indiana and settled in Floyd county in 1829, near Greenville, where he bought 300 acres of land, on which he farmed. Being a blacksmith, he moved to New Albany after some years spent in farming. The latter, Sallie Peck Hedden, was a daughter of Judge Peck, of New Jersey, a man of considerable prominence. David Hedden, the subject of this sketch, was brought up in New Jersey, and educated in the common schools. He came to Floyd county in 1820, a year before his father moved out, being then but eighteen years of age, and commenced clerking in a store, which he continued for a year, when he entered into partnership with Elias Ayers in the same business.

The partnership continued until 1842, when Ayers died, and he continued alone in the business three years longer, when his health having failed he retired from active business. He bought a mill, however, but in a short time it was burned. He bought another and took charge of it, and continued to operate it until 1856. He then built a \$10,000 residence and retired from active business altogether.

He was married in 1840 to Elizabeth Wood, a daughter of Rev. Joseph Wood, of Brown county, N. Y., and Betsy (White) Wood, of Stanford, Conn. They have seven children, viz: Theodosia, William A., proprietor of Hosier Mills; Francis, Sarah S. (Baird), Walter David, in brick business;

Anna W. (Green), Grace and Ella Hardy. Mr. Hedden is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a Republican.

CHARLES HEGEWALD, born in Saxony, September 18, 1832, came to America in 1853, and in 1854 made his home in New Albany. He served a seven years' apprenticeship in his native country as a machinist, and for some time worked as a journeyman in that country to secure the means to come to the United States.

On his arrival in New Albany he went to work in the machine shops of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad, where he remained until a strike was inaugurated, when he took a place in the Union Foundry, remaining there until it failed in 1856; when for two years he held a place in the American Foundry, going thence to the machine shops of Lent, South & Shipman, where he remained until the war broke out. He then returned to the American Foundry as foreman.

In 1873 he entered into a copartnership with the late W. C. DePauw, in the foundry and machine business, at his present location, the firm continuing until 1878, when Mr. N. T. DePauw purchased his father's interest and continues a member of the firm, which is the most enterprising and has the largest business of any establishment of its kind in New Albany.

The building covers a half square of ground on Water street, between Pearl and Bank, and the firm, of which Mr. Hegewald is the energetic superintendent and business manager, employs from 75 to 200 men, according to the demands of trade upon them, and does a business of about \$200,000 per year, manufacturing marine and stationary engines, all kinds of steamboat and mill machinery and supplies,

brass and iron castings and other machinery.

Mr. Hegewald is one of the self-made, successful and public-spirited men of New Albany. He takes a deep interest in all enterprises that promise to advance the material interests of New Albany, and has done much to help the prosperity of that city.

He served one term as a member of the City Council, declining a re-election. He is in all regards a valuable and excellent citizen.

He was married in New Albany, in 1855, to Miss Catherine Meyer, and they have four children: Emma, John F. C., Arthur and Edwin; John F. C. being a graduate of the West Point Military Academy and a resident of Louisville. Arthur and Edwin are employed in the foundry and machine shops with their father.

CHRISTOPHER HEIMBERGER, born in Germany, January 17, 1833, emigrated to the United States in 1852, settling in Ohio, where he learned the business of photography, and having an artistic aptitude for the business soon rose to high distinction as an artist and now holds rank amongst the best photographers in the country.

He took up his residence in New Albany in 1859, where he speedily built up a large business, his gallery being one of the most attractive in the State both in construction and the artistic gems it contains. Mr. Heimberger was the first of American photographers to discover and apply the superior Plate Glass Light, which is applied in his gallery. As the result of the superiority of his appliances and pictures he is now filling orders for citizens of, not only Indiana, but of Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois and

Missouri. Few American photographers may hope to reach such perfection in artistic results and liberal patronage.

In 1859, at Cincinnati, O., Mr. Heimberger was married to Miss Margaret Berst, daughter of Jacob Berst, native of Germany, who came to America in 1847 and located in Harrison county, where he died in 1885, at the age of 72. His daughter Margaret was reared by her uncle, John Nockle, a prominent butcher and grocer of Cincinnati, where her marriage took place. The children born of the happy union are: Adam, Sadie and Bena, all married.

Adam Heimberger, the son, is a partner in photography with his father, and, like him, a born artist.

Christopher Heimberger is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Ancient Order of Workmen, and an active member of the German Evangelical church, his entire family being members of this church. He is a self-made man, and no man has done more by his art to illustrate and perpetuate the magnificent scenery of the Central Ohio Valley.

GEORGE HELFRICH, Sr., a native of Europe, was born July 20, 1831, and came to the United States in July, 1848, locating at New Albany, Ind. He learned the trade of a house carpenter and builder in the old country, and engaged at his trade on locating at New Albany, carrying it on until 1853. He then accepted a position in the L., N. A. & C. Railroad shops, working there until 1868, when he took charge, as superintendent, of the car department, remaining in this position until 1880. In 1881 he engaged in the planing-mill and lumber business at the corner of East Fifth and Oak streets, New Albany, on a lot covering 180 by 130 feet. Besides

his large planing-mill business, he is a dealer in all kinds of building and construction lumber, shingles, lath, doors, sash and blinds. By his liberal enterprise he has built up a very large trade, which he has fairly won by his integrity. He was married May 2, 1853, to Miss Margaret Ellmancer, of Harrison county, Ind., and has six living children—George, Charles, Edward, William, August and Emma. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has passed all the chairs (the offices) of that order. He is also a member of the Knights of Honor.

EDWARD G. HENRY, a native of Switzerland county, Ind., was born April 16, 1850. His father, David Henry, was a native of Ireland, and a lawyer by profession and a successful farmer, and emigrated to Indiana in the pioneer period of the State. His mother, Caroline Stapp, was a native of Kentucky.

Reared in Switzerland county, he attended the public schools of the county during his boyhood, fitting himself for Hanover College, from which he graduated in 1870.

He then entered the law school of Indiana University, from which Institution he graduated in 1872. The same year he took up his residence at New Albany, and entered upon the practice of law, and has, by his abilities as a counselor and advocate, built up a very lucrative practice, standing high at the bar as a practicing attorney.

In 1888 Mr. Henry was nominated unanimously by the Democratic party of Floyd county for Representative in the State Legislature, to which office he was elected by a large majority.

He is a man of scholarly culture, an able



public speaker, and possessed of the elements for a successful and useful public career.

JACOB HESSING was born in Floyd county, Ind., November 27, 1862, and is a son of Jacob and Henrietta (Schreiber) Hessing; the former a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country in 1849, and settled in Louisville, where he remained a short time, when he removed to a farm in Georgetown township, near Edwardsville, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying December 10, 1883. The log house is still standing on the farm that was on it when he bought it, which was scarcely a farm then at all but a tract of woodland. But by patient industry and energy he improved it, and made the wilderness, figuratively, "re-joice and blossom as the rose." Here he and his good wife reared their large family of children, and here he lived out the measure of his days and passed to his reward.

Henrietta (Schreiber) Hessing, the mother of subject, was born in Germany in 1834, came to America in 1849, and in three years married Mr. Hessing. She was the mother of eleven children, viz: William H., Henry J., Sophia, Mary C., Jacob, Lizzie, Nettie, Amanda, Carrie, Anna and Edward; all living in Floyd county. William lives in Georgetown township; Mary married Edward Perry, and lives in New Albany; Amanda married William Schreiber, and lives in Lafayette township; the others are still at the old homestead with their mother, Henry, the only son of those at home, being married.

The subject of this sketch, Jacob Hessing, was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools of the county. He has always followed farming, and is one of Floyd county's most energetic and enterprising young farmers. He and his brother,

who farms with him, make a speciality of small fruits, such as strawberries, grapes, etc. Everything about the farm indicates prosperity.

GEO. VAIL HOWK, one of the ex-judges of the Supreme Court of Indiana, and a resident of New Albany, was born in Charlestown, Clark county, Indiana, September 21, 1824 and is the only surviving son of Isaac Howk, one of the pioneer lawyers of the State. The Howk family are of German origin, but settled in Massachusetts early in the last century and engaged chiefly in agriculture. Isaac Howk, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born on a farm in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, in July, 1793, and was educated at Williams College in that county. In 1817 he settled in Charlestown, Ind., and engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1820 he married Miss Elvira Vail, a daughter of Doctor Gamaliel Vail, who had emigrated from Vermont to Indiana Territory in 1806. Their son George V. Howk grew to manhood in Charlestown. His father died in 1833, but his mother devoted the remainder of a long life to the education, comfort and happiness of her children. She died in New Albany, Ind., September 15, 1869. Judge Howk graduated from Indiana Asbury (now De Pauw College) in the class of 1846 under the Presidency of Matthew Simpson, widely known as one of the Bishops of the Methodist Church. Some of his classmates were Newton Booth, ex-United States Senator from California; James P. Luce, James M. Reynolds and Joseph Tingley, one of the Professors of the College. He studied law with Judge Charles Dewey, who was for ten years a judge of the Supreme Court and one of the ablest jurists the State has produced. He was admitted to the bar in

1847, and settled in New Albany. December 21, 1848, he married Miss Eleanor Dewey, late of Charlestown. Mrs. Howk died April 12, 1853, leaving two children. September 5, 1854, he married Miss Jane Simonson, eldest daughter of General John S. Simonson of the United States Army, who still survives. They have two children John S. and George V. Howk, Jr., and one daughter, Jane S. In 1852 and 1853 Judge Howk was City Judge of New Albany, and from 1850 to 1864, during most of the time, was a member of the City Council. In 1857 he was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Floyd county; in 1863 he represented that county in the House, and from 1866 to 1870 he represented Floyd and Clark counties in the Senate of Indiana. He was chosen one of the Supreme Judges of Indiana at the General State Election in October, 1876. Soon after taking his position on the bench, he gave promise of the great ability he has since displayed. His decisions are clear, concise and conclusive, taking rank with those of the ablest jurists of the State, and his suavity of manner toward all with whom he came in contact officially made him very popular with the attorneys practicing at the bar of the Supreme Court. He was re-elected Judge in 1882 and defeated in 1888. In politics Judge Howk is a Democrat. His mother was a Methodist, and he was educated in a Methodist College, but is not a member of any religious denomination. His wife and children are Presbyterians.

Since the election he has established himself at New Albany in the practice of law, with his son as partner.

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LOUIS C. HIPPLE was born at New Albany, Ind., Sept. 22, 1850. He was

educated in the public schools of the city until the age of 18 years, when he engaged with his father, a steamboat cabin builder, to learn the carpenter trade, continuing until his father went out of the business.

He was deputy wharf master under his father from 1875 to 1878, and after this engaged in teaming, during which occupation he invented what is known as the Graff and Hipple Dump Wagon, which is now in use in many of the States, and is a very valuable invention, that with proper capital could be brought into general use throughout the entire country. At New Albany it is used by all the principal coal and brick dealers; and the city, as well as at Cincinnati and Louisville and Jeffersonville, and by the Government at its depot in the latter city; and its inventor has testimonials from all who have used it as to its efficiency in equalizing and dumping a load.

In 1885 he was elected City Marshal of New Albany, and re-elected in 1887. In the Primary Democratic Convention that nominated him in 1885, his majority over the highest man of the opponents was 356, and at the election it was 1,050. His majority at his second election was 1,676. He is a self-made and self-respecting man, and has built himself up by his own indomitable energy and untiring industry.

On January 5, 1881, he was married to Miss Jennie Eanse, of Floyd county, Ind., daughter of George H. Eanse, formerly of Virginia. He has one child, Frances D., born on Sept. 22, the same date of the birth of her father. He is a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Knights of Pythias, and is a Methodist by education and rearing.

He is a son of Daniel and Artemesia (Lightner) Hipple. His father was a native of the borough of Lauderburg, Cumberland county, Pa., born Feb. 3, 1812;

and his mother of Clark county, Ind., born Oct. 22, 1818; and they located at New Albany in 1835. His father engaged in steamboat building, which he followed for a number of years. He was elected jailor under Sheriff Thomas Gwin, serving four years, from 1848 to 1852. He died March 17, 1878, leaving a wife and six children, George M., John W., Jacob L., Louis C., Carrie B. and Eliza E., all of whom are living. Mr. Hipple's mother came to New Albany in 1829, and married May 1, 1836.

CAPT. THOMAS HUMPHREYS, deceased, was born in Philadelphia, July 17, 1807, and died at New Albany, Ind., January 19, 1881, aged 73 years and 6 months. In February, 1830, he took up his residence at New Albany, Ind., where he continued to reside to the day of his death.

He was twice married, the first time to Miss Dowerman and the second time to Miss Elizabeth Hangary. His first wife lived but two years. During his entire residence at New Albany, Capt. Thomas Humphreys was not only a good but a useful citizen.

For many years he was the head of the steamboat building firm of Dowerman & Humphreys his business sagacity and unimpeachable integrity giving to the firm a reputation as one of the first and most reliable boat building firms in the West. Every steamboatman knows that Capt. Humphreys' word was as good as his bond, and the statements he made then in relation to contracts were taken as established facts. It was his integrity that did more than any other single agency to give to New Albany the high fame the city once enjoyed as the most notable boat building locality on the western rivers. From the establishment with which he was connected was

turned out many of the most magnificent steamers that have navigated the rivers of the West and South.

Running through his entire life, like a line of polished brightness, was this principle of integrity. It characterized every act of his life, and made for him friends of everyone with whom he came in business or social contact.

His morals were most exemplary, and his influence was wielded in favor of all movements that were for the advancement and elevation of his fellow-men. Yet he was modest and unobtrusive, and, while a man of strong convictions, never tried to force his views upon others, choosing rather the principles he advocated should illustrate and shine forth through his daily walk and conversation. He thus filled the measure of good citizenship.

For several months before his death he gave much thought to religion and preparation for the change he knew was speedily to come. In his inquiries for light upon this important subject, he took counsel of such men as Rev. J. S. Wood and Peter R. Stoy, and when the messenger's summons came to him he was ready to depart in peace, his last days being full of light and joy.

He left a wife, one son and two daughters, Mrs. S. M. Weir and Mrs. Dr. G. H. Cannon being the daughters. The surviving son is Mr. Daniel Humphreys.

REUBEN KING JENKS was born in Providence, R. I., in the year 1817, son of George B. R. Jenks, whose ancestors were of English origin. Subject's mother, Aljaha Newman, was a daughter of Nathaniel Newman, who was born in Massachusetts.

Subject was married in Montgomery

county, Ohio, in 1840, to Miss Hope Graves, daughter of Zepheniah Graves, who was a native of Rhode Island. Mr. Jenks emigrated from his native State to Ohio in 1829, thence to Indiana in about 1848. Subject and wife have raised eight children; all lived to be grown: Amanda, George, Oscar, Zepheniah, Benjamin, Job W., Julia and Frank.

Our subject followed carpentering for some time, then clerked for a time. Was in United States service some three years during the late civil war. Four of his sons George, Oscar, Zepheniah and Benjamin were in the service with him.

He has filled some positions of profit and trust, but has never been an office seeker.

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CHARLES L. JEWETT, lawyer, New Albany, Ind., was born October 6, 1848, in Hanover, Ind., being the only son of Jonathan and Mary (Wells) Reid. His father died when the boy was an infant, and his mother married Judge P. H. Jewett, who adopted him as a son, and by legal process had his name changed to Jewett. At the age of fifteen he entered the State University, at Bloomington, where he remained until 1866, when he was admitted to the College at Hanover, and studied for one year. His health failing, he left school, and moved to Montana Territory, where he was successively prospector, gold miner, and Government surveyor. In the latter capacity he surveyed all the lands lying near the headwaters of the Missouri river. These two years of pioneer life restored his health and secured for him a physical stamina and development, as well as a fund of experience. Returning to his native State in 1869, he prepared to enter upon the profession to which he had directed all his studies, and

toward which his efforts were now bent. He was admitted to the bar at New Albany, October 6, of the same year; immediately commenced practice. October 16, 1869, he was chosen Justice of the Peace, but he resigned within one year. In 1871 he was appointed Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Scott county, and in 1872 was elected District Attorney for the district composed of Scott, Clark, Floyd, Washington and Harrison counties. In March, 1873, he was appointed by Governor Hendricks Prosecutor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and in October of that year was elected to the same office for a full term. He was re-elected in 1874, and continued to hold the position until October 22, 1877. In 1878 he was Democratic candidate for Judge of the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Jewett is one of the acknowledged leaders of the Democratic party in Indiana, having been a member of the State Central Committee in 1876, Speaker of the House in session of 1884-5, chairman of County Central Committee and was the chairman of Democratic State Central Committee in Cleveland and Harrison campaign. He is an organizer of rare ability and tact, and an able lawyer.

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HON. FRANKLIN C. JOHNSON, born near Holland Patent, Lewis county, New York, June 23, 1836. His parents were both natives of New York, but the family is of English origin. His father, Horace Johnson, was a farmer and served as probate judge. His mother was Eliza Pratt. Mr. Johnson was reared in New York and educated at Lowville and Rome Academies, graduating from the latter after a four years' course, in 1851. In 1853 he located at New Albany, engaging as a clerk in the hardware store of Brooks & Brown, Brooks

at the time being president of the New Albany & Salem (L., N. A. & C.) Railroad. In 1855 he became a partner with J. J. Brown and John E. Crane in the business, continuing 3 years. At the breaking out of the war he engaged in the nursery business, which he continued till 1876. In 1872 he was appointed by President Grant, on the nomination of Gov. Morton of Indiana, commissioner of the Philadelphia National Centennial, serving five years. In 1874 he was elected to the State Senate on the Democratic ticket for four years, and was chairman of the Committees on the State Reformatory and Benevolent Institutions. He drafted the bill making Mrs. T. A. Hendricks, Mrs. Roache and Mrs. Coffin trustees of the Women's Reformatory of Indiana. In 1878 he was appointed by President Hayes, to the Paris Exposition, and there served on the International Jury. He was appointed by Gov. Williams of Indiana a member of the International Congress that assembled in the Palace Crocadero, Paris, being the only member from the United States, being a member with the Prince of Wales, who represented Great Britain. For ten years he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture from this District. In 1880 Mr. Johnson went to Colorado and engaged in the practice of law with his cousin, Stephen R. Pratt, and in 1882 was nominated a candidate for Secretary of State. He returned to New Albany in 1886, but while in Colorado organized the First National Bank at Gunnison, in which he is one of the largest stockholders. He served two terms as a member of the City Council from the first ward. In February, 1859, he was married to Mary E. Murray, a native of Breckinridge county, Ky., and sister of ex-Gov. Eli H. Murray, of Utah, and a lady of rare accomplishments. Three

children were born of the marriage—Frank H. and Albert S., both now residents of Denver, Colo., and Eliza. Mr. Johnson owns about 150 lots in New Albany, and a fine farm in Clarke county, between New Albany and Jeffersonville.

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PHILIP M. KEPLEY, born near Greenville, Floyd county, Ind., October 27, 1818. His parents were Andrew and Mary (Moser) Kepley, his father being a farmer and a mechanic.

Mr. Kepley was reared upon his father's farm, and educated in the common schools of the county, remaining upon a farm until he was 28 years old, when he removed to the city of New Albany and engaged in the grocery business, which he continued for some years.

He was twice elected county treasurer of Floyd county, and held the office for four years.

He has also served several terms as a member of the City Council of New Albany, and is at present a member of that body.

At the end of his term as county treasurer, Mr. Kepley entered into the livery business, on State street, opposite the court house, and is at present engaged in that business.

In all the official stations he has been called to fill, he has discharged his duties with fidelity to the interest of the people and with honor to himself.

He was married in 1842, to Miss Mary M. Cook, daughter of Philip Cook, of Floyd county. Of this marriage nine children were born, all of whom received collegiate educations, and all of whom have married; David M., Nancy I., John L., Mary E., Sarah, Anna B., Martha E., Charles A. and Fannie.

FRED C. KISTNER was born in Louisville, December 5, 1856, and is a son of Joseph and Caroline (Falk) Kistner, natives of Germany, but who came to New Albany in 1857. His father has been in the clothing business ever since his arrival in this country, and is an active and energetic business man.

The subject graduated in commercial school, and engaged in the clothing business with his father until 1884, when he entered into partnership with Mr. Paul Reising in the brewery business, and has given his full attention to it ever since.

In 1881 he was married to Miss Mary Reising.

Mr. Kistner is the Fifth Ward Committeeman on the Democratic County Central Committee.

GEORGE KRAFT, a native of France, was born in November, 1827, came to America in 1845, and located at New Albany. He immediately engaged at his trade, that of chair-making, and, being a fine workman and very genial and social, he made friends rapidly, and soon built up a most prosperous business. He was a man of *entérprise* as well as industry, and on April 21, 1856, added the furniture and undertaking business to his chair manufactory. This business he prosecuted successfully till his death, which occurred May 25, 1881, at the age of 54 years. He left a wife and five children—Frank A., Joseph H., Catharine, Ida M. and Mamie, Catharine dying June 14, 1885. Being very popular and well liked by all, he was frequently solicited to run for office. This he constantly refused to do. He was a member of several benevolent societies, being treasurer of one for eighteen years. He was also treasurer of several others. He was a strict member of the Catholic Church,

and having a fine tenor voice, took great interest in the church choirs and other vocal organizations. He was married in 1852 to Mary E. Terstegge, of New Albany, a cousin of Mr. J. J. Terstegge, the founder of the National Stove Works of New Albany.

Frank A. Kraft, his oldest son, was born at New Albany, Ind., Feb. 9, 1854, and was educated in the parochial and public schools and the New Albany Business College. He succeeded his father to the very large business left at his death, and this, by his energy, enterprise and popularity, he has very largely expanded. He is a member of the Catholic Church. On Oct. 28, 1879, he was married to Miss Minnie Ruppert, of New Albany. They have three children living—Bertha, George A. and Lula May.

HENRY LEGG, a native of London, England, was born September 9, 1833. He is a plate glass worker, and was foreman of the casting department of the Thames Plate Glass Works, of London, England, for twenty years. While thus employed he was engaged by Capt. John B. Ford to come to New Albany, Ind., and take charge, as foreman, of the casting department in the immense plate glass works now owned and operated by the W. C. DePauw Company—the DePauw American Plate Glass Works. He left London and came to New Albany in 1872, and remained until 1874, when he returned to London for his family, returning with them. His family consisted of his wife and six children—John, Walter J., Edward, Henry, Elizabeth and Emma. He also brought over with him several skilled plate glass workers and their families, to be employed in the New Albany Plate Glass Works. Mr. Legg brought the box coal furnace to New Albany, and carried the first Dinas brick from Wales to

New Albany, this brick being used for the caps of glass furnaces. They are now used everywhere in glass furnaces. He was married in December, 1857, to Miss Caroline Price, of London, England. He is a member of DePauw Masonic Lodge, and when but 21 years old joined the Duke of Brunswick Lodge, London, and is still a member in good standing. He visited this lodge while in London in 1888. He is also a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He has filled the Master's, Senior and Junior Deacons' chairs in DePauw Masonic Lodge, at New Albany. He continues as foreman of the casting department of the W. C. DePauw Company—the DePauw American Glass Works.

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WILLIAM G. LIGHTNER, born at St. Louis, Mo., February 9, 1827. His parents located in New Albany, Ind., when he was seven years old, where he was educated in the common schools. After leaving school he learned blacksmithing with his father.

In 1845 he went on the river to learn steamboat engineering, and this business he continued until 1865. The first boat he was on was the Greenwood, running in the New Orleans and Yazoo river trade; he was on several steamers running in the New Orleans and Yazoo river trade. Quitting the river in 1865, he engaged in the barrel, stave and shingle manufacture in Clark county, Ind., doing a large business.

In 1873 he returned to New Albany and took the position of chief engineer at the New Albany Woolen and Cotton Mills, which he still fills, being in all respects a first-class engineer.

In 1854 he was married to Miss Adkinson, of New Albany, a native of Nashville, Tenn. They have no children.

He has been a member of the I. O. O. F., both the Subordinate Lodge and the Encampment, since 1853. Both he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church.

His father was Jacob Lightner, a native of Pennsylvania; and his mother was Eleanor Brown, a native of Kentucky. His father, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, died at New Albany, 1847. His mother died in 1884, age 83. They left five children, all now living: Artemesia, widow of Daniel Hipple, resides at Memphis, Tenn.; George W. married at Evansville, Ind.; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Mann, on a farm near New Albany; William G., residing on a farm near New Albany; Laura B., wife of W. B. Smith, of New Albany.

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JACOB LOESCH, a native of Floyd county, Ind., was born June 4, 1844, five miles west of New Albany. His father, John Loesch, was a native of Prussia, and came to Floyd county in 1843. His mother, Catharine Fox, was a native of Germany. The subject of this sketch remained upon his father's farm until he was eighteen years old, when he was apprenticed and served three years at blacksmithing, at the end of which time he entered upon his trade at Georgetown, conducting the business from 1867 to 1880. During the war he tried to enlist in the army, but was rejected on account of his bad health. In 1880 he was appointed Deputy Sheriff by Sheriff H. R. W. Meyer, serving through the two terms of that officer. In 1884 he was elected Sheriff, and was re-elected in 1886. The county of Floyd never had a more upright, energetic or faithful officer, as his eight years in the public service attests. In November, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret J. Knittle, of Floyd county, but a native of Harrison county, Ind., and

daughter of Samuel Knittle, a native of Pennsylvania. One child has been born of this marriage—Agatha Catharine. Mr. Loesch is a decided Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the Catholic Church.

JOHN J. LYONS, a native of Warrensburg, Warren county, N. Y., was born March 15, 1856, but when quite small his parents removed to New York City, where they remained one year and then located at Sharpsburg, Pa., five miles from Pittsburgh, where they resided three years. Not satisfied with the location after a three years' residence, they removed to Kentucky, and thence to New Albany, Ind.

John J. Lyons attended the public schools in which he was educated. After coming to New Albany he worked eleven years in the rolling mills. In 1879 he went to Jefferson county, Kentucky, and engaged in the grocery business. Being an energetic and pushing business man he prospered, but in 1881 sold out and returned to New Albany, where, with John Russell as partner, he engaged in the hotel, livery and feed business, keeping the West End Hotel, at the corner of West Main and Seventh streets.

Mr. Lyons is a very popular man and thorough in business methods as well as public-spirited.

He was married in August, 1878, to Miss Malissa Martin, of Jefferson county, Ky., and they have three children—Mary, Catherine and Emily.

He is a member of the Catholic Knights of America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Catholic Church. His parents, Michael and Mary Lyons, were both natives of County Cork, Ireland. His father died when he was a child. His mother married again to Edward Dumphy.

She died at New Albany in September, 1884.

FRED MAETSCHKE, one of the young progressive business men of New Albany, was born in the northern part of Germany in 1861, and is the son of Gottlieb and Charlotte (Holm) Maetschke, natives of Germany. Fred, the subject of this sketch, received a limited education, and came to America in 1881. He located in New York and followed tailoring. After a time he went to New Jersey, where he followed the same business, and in 1883 came to New Albany. Here he continued the same business, and in 1888 formed a partnership with H. G. Harmeling, and is now doing a prosperous business. He is a member of the German Evangelical Church, and is Democratic in politics.

MORRIS McDONALD, Sr., was born at Centerville, Ohio, November 10, 1836. His parents were John S. and Nancy McDonald, and he comes from a lineage noted in the legal and financial history of the country.

His father was a native of Pennsylvania, a man thoroughly read in the law, and eminent in his life as a commercial man, banker and manufacturer.

His first banking experience was as an officer of the New Albany Branch of the old State Bank, of Indiana, and at the expiration of its charter and the chartering of the Bank of the State of Indiana, he was elected president of this bank serving in that capacity during its existence.

He was one of the incorporators of the First National Bank of New Albany, and was connected with that institution till his death. He also was the president and manager of the New Albany Savings Bank



during its entire existence. He was largely engaged in pork-packing during the fifties and up to about 1865; was a stockholder in the New Albany Glass Works for several years, and for ten years a stockholder in the New Albany Rail Mill.

From 1850 to 1854 he was extensively engaged in milling and the grain and flour trade.

He died in 1877, honored and mourned by the community in which so many years of his useful and active life had been passed, leaving the impression of his business energy and public spirit upon the city whose material interests he did so much to promote.

The mother of Mr. Morris McDonald is descended from a historic American family.

She is the daughter of Nathaniel McLean, an eminent citizen of Ohio, and the niece of the late Judge John McLean, of the Supreme Court of the United States, a noted Whig politician in his day, but so thoroughly an anti-slavery man that he was nominated by the Free Soil party as a candidate for the Presidency.

She is a woman of strong individuality of character, and prominent in the moral and philanthropic enterprises of the M. E. Church, of which she is a devoted member. Descending from such a lineage, and inheriting the indomitable business qualities of both parents, it is not remarkable that the subject of this brief sketch, Mr. Morris McDonald, has risen to a position of business and political eminence and leadership.

Possessing an independent spirit, he commenced the active pursuits of life when only a boy.

His education was received in the public schools of New Albany. He entered Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind., but the tediousness of a college course was little suited to the inclinations of one whose

ambition was to enter the commercial and financial world and grasp the enterprises that opened before him.

He therefore remained but a short time at college, and, returning to his home in New Albany, soon entered into the pork-packing business with his father, and therein laid the foundation of his fortune. He soon became a large stockholder in the Bank of the State of Indiana, transferring his holdings to the First National Bank of New Albany on its organization, and becoming one of its directors. He was a large stockholder in the New Albany Rail Mill for ten years, and during that period the superintendent and business manager of this extensive manufactory. Selling his holdings in this mill he engaged in the pork, flour and grain trade, and for some time operated flour mills. He was also at one time a large stockholder in the New Albany Glass Works, finally purchasing the entire property, which he soon after sold. For all his business enterprises he brought such commercial aptitude and thorough push that they proved prosperous.

Mr. McDonald was for a number of years prominent in political life—a leader in his party, the Republican—and could have had high official position, had he not always declined to become a candidate for office. In 1884 he represented his party as a delegate for the State at large to the National Convention at Chicago.

He was the original proprietor of and platted the beautiful suburban addition to New Albany, Silver Grove.

He was among the chief promoters of the building of the New Albany & St. Louis Air-Line Railroad, and for many years a director in the company.

He was the originator of the legislation and the organizer of the Indiana company that secured the erection of the elegant

steel cantilever bridge over the Ohio river between New Albany and Louisville, and but for his efforts, sagacity and indefatigable labors this fine structure would not to-day span the Ohio. He organized the company that built the Cannelton & Tell City Railroad, and was its president during its construction.

He is a man of great kindness of heart and a generous helper of the poor. He is withal very urbane and genial in manners and a man to whom his friends are strongly attached.

He was married in 1859 to Miss Sallie Singer, two sons and a daughter blessing the union. The eldest son, John S., a prominent and thorough business man, is an enterprising and successful grain dealer; the youngest son, Morris, is the paymaster of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railroad, 21 years of age and among the rapidly rising young railroad men of the country.

WILLIAM H. MCKAY, general insurance agent, was born in Bullitt county, Ky., July 6, 1847. At the age of five years his parents removed to Missouri, where he was reared. After attending the common schools of Missouri he became a student of Eastman's Business College, of New York, from which he graduated in August, 1866. He engaged in the insurance business, and in 1872 took up his residence in New Albany, Ind., where he entered upon the insurance business with Dr. M. C. Browning, under the firm name of Browning & McKay.

His partner, Dr. Browning, was lost on the steamer, Pat Rogers, August 4, 1874; but the style of the firm remained unchanged until February, 1877, when he purchased, and has ever since conducted, the entire business, the largest of its kind

in the city, representing twenty fire companies, in addition to his being general agent for the Union Central Life and also agent for the Standard Accident Companies.

Mr. McKay was united in marriage in 1869, to Miss Mary Wilson, of Macon City, Mo., a daughter, Bonnie, blessing the union.

Mr. McKay takes an active interest in all moral and religious enterprises, is a deacon in the Third Presbyterian Church, and a well known Sunday-school worker.

He is vice-president of two prosperous building and loan associations, and has taken a good deal of interest in real estate in the city, having erected two elegant residences—one on East Oak street and one on Ekin avenue.

He is a son of Col. D. C. McKay, a retired capitalist, now residing in Kansas.

CHARLES MCKENNA, a native of Ireland, was born in 1822, and came to the United States in 1849, locating at New Albany. He was an expert stone mason before he left his native land, and, on arriving at his adopted home, at once engaged in work at his trade.

He is a man of great energy and force of character, and these traits have been prominent through his life, although he is very quiet disposition. It may be said of him, however, that no more genial or more upright citizen lives in New Albany. By his industry and high sense of honor and integrity, he is possessed of a competency of this world's wealth.

He was for many year a street and building contractor, and the work he did upon streets is to-day the best evidence of his honesty and expertness as a workman.

In 1869 he was elected on the Demo-

cratic ticket Street Commissioner of New Albany, serving four years, leaving the office with the respect as well as the regret of all the citizens.

In 1882 he was Market Master, serving faithfully and satisfactorily. He was married in 1848, in Ireland, to Miss Mary Brady, a native of that country. They have no children. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

SAMUEL C. McNEFF, born January 14, 1833, in Morgan county, Ind., was reared in and attended the public schools of that county until 16 years old, when he went to Iowa and spent one year.

In 1852, he came to New Albany, Ind., his present residence, and learned the trade of carpenter with Charles Sackett, forming a partnership with Mr. Sackett in 1864, the firm name being McNeff & Co., the partnership continuing 18 years. During these years the firm erected the magnificent court house at New Albany; 1865, two large business houses for G. C. Cannon, on Pearl street; the splendid business block of Jacob Goodbub, Pearl street, the Windsor Hotel building, and many others of equal note, style and beauty. The firm dissolved in 1880.

Mr. McNeff carried on business alone for two years. In 1883 he formed a partnership with Christian Wolf, under the firm name of McNeff & Wolf.

In August, 1886, he and William Houpt, under the firm name of McNeff & Houpt, commenced the manufacture of Patent Clamp Brick, a process by which brick are made much harder and burn more even than by any other, and this business is still carried on.

In 1856 he was married to Miss Sarah E. Littell, of Clark county, Ind. Two children of the marriage survive: James

W., who married Miss Mary Smithwick, of New Albany, and Lazette C., the wife of Orry F. Ladue, of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. McNeff has been an Odd Fellow since 1856 and a member of the Christian Church since 1863.

CAPT. CHARLES T. MATTHEWS is a native of New Albany, Ind., and was born February 28, 1848. He is a son of Joshua and Eliza (Reed) Matthews,—the former was from Boston, Mass., and settled here before subject was born. He was a shoe manufacturer, and died in 1877. Charles T., the subject of this sketch, received his education in the public schools. When 11 years old he commenced work as a teamster, which he followed until he was 15 years.

He then entered the army and was made a messenger in the quartermaster's department under Capt. Crane, remaining with him two years. He then came home and entered the fire department, in which he served four years, when he resigned for the purpose of learning the trade of heater at New Albany Forge. This he followed until the panic of 1873, when he went into the glass works for about three years, then into the fire department again, and was appointed captain in 1878, and served under four different chiefs. He was elected chief in 1885, and has been elected each successive year since.

He was married in 1874 to Miss Mary Hervey, of Clark county, a daughter of John and Margaret (Reed) Hervey. They have one child, Harry. Capt. Matthews is a K. of P. and K. of L. and in politics is a Democrat.

JOHN S. MARSH, born in New Albany, Ind., September 1, 1844; educated in the

public schools of his native city, and at the age of 19 enlisted in the Ninth Indiana Infantry in the three months' service, under the first call of President Lincoln for 75,000 men.

He served his term, and returned home and took a position at \$1.25 per day as a laborer in his father's rolling mill, which stood on the site of the present Ohio Falls Iron Works, and for twenty-six years has continued at the same place, though the small mill of his father has given place to the immense works now occupying its site. In all these years he never lost two weeks from work at any one time.

February 22, 1877, he was appointed manager of the Ohio Falls Iron Works, which position he now holds.

He married Miss Martha Summers, of Utica, Ind., in 1863, who died in 1875, leaving two children, James and Lillie; Lillie is the wife of Joseph Brinley, of Leadville, Colo. He married again in 1877 to Miss Clara Kepler, and by this marriage has three children—Oliver H., Lena W. and Bertie B.

He has filled all the chairs in the I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Grand Lodge of that Order. He is also a member of the K. of P. and the G. A. R. and of the M. E. Church.

He is the son of Samuel S. and Mary Ann Stevenson Marsh. His father has been connected with steamboat smithery, castings and rolling mills all his life, and is a native of New Albany and one of its substantial citizens.

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ROBERT N. MORRIS was born November 18, 1858, in New Albany, Ind., and is a son of William D. and Eliza A. (Cutshaw) Morris, the latter a native of Salem, Ind., and the former a native of Virginia, and

who came to Indiana with his parents, and settled near Greenville in the early history of the State. He was a produce merchant, and also did considerable wholesale business. He died June 28, 1882, aged 62 years.

Robert N. Morris, the subject of this sketch, was raised in New Albany and educated in the public schools. Pursuing his studies under competent teachers, he mastered the common branches and acquired a good practical education that has been of great benefit to him in his active business life. He was elected city clerk in 1883, and re-elected in 1885.

He became a candidate for auditor in 1886 and, illustrative of his popularity, was elected by 1,187 majority against Democratic nominee. He is a prominent Mason and senior warden of his lodge; belongs also to the Odd Fellows and to the Knights Pythias.

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WILLIAM MURPHY (deceased) was born January 9, 1809, in Hampshire county, Va., and was a son of John and Sally (Miller) Murphy, the former a native of "Auld Ireland," and the latter of Virginia. Her grandfather, Henry Miller, came to this country with William Penn, and at one time owned a farm on which the city of Philadelphia now stands.

William Murphy, the subject, was reared on a farm; when very young removed with his parents to Shenandoah county. Here he was taken by Garrett Seymour, a large planter and slave owner. He worked for him until he was 15 years of age, when he became overseer and drover—i.e. being his business to take all the surplus cattle raised on Seymour's plantation to New York and dispose of them. He followed this until he was 24 years of age, when he married Miss Eliza Sills, of his native county of Hampshire. The result of this

union was six children, two of whom are living; Sarah married Mr. Martin and afterward Mr. Tyler, and lives in Harrison county; Hattie married John M. Utz, and lives in New Albany. His wife died about 1849, and in 1850 he was married to Miss Catherine Weaver, of Floyd county. The result of this marriage was ten children, of whom seven are now living, as follows: William H., Isaac, Amanda, Archie G., Mattie, Kate and James R. Those dead are Franklin, Charles and Jane. Previous to his second marriage he removed to Floyd county, and settled on Isaac Park's land near Edwardsville. His neighbors collected and erected a home to shelter his family, which they completed in one day. In after life he was often heard to say that those were the happiest days of his life spent in that little log house. He remained there seven years and then removed to the farm of William Sloan, and then to the farm now owned by Charles Duncan. He met with reverses here, sickness, failure of crops, etc., which embarrassed him financially. He sold corn at twelve and a half cents per bushel, oats at seven cents, eggs three cents per dozen, and paid thirty-five cents a pound for coffee, calico fifty cents per yard. He followed teaming for a while, hauling, principally for Benjamin Baker, produce to Louisville, passing down the Knobs before the Pike was made. He then moved to New Albany, where he lived some twenty years. He worked in the shipyard of John Evans, and worked in boiler shed for Harper, who discharged him because he would vote for Henry Clay, in 1844, instead of James K. Polk for President. He followed different kinds of business until 1864, when he bought a farm in Georgetown township, on Indiana creek, to which he devoted his entire attention until his death March 28, 1886, at the age of 77

years. He and wife joined the M. E. Church in 1867, and for nineteen years lived a most exemplary and consistent Christian life.

Arelie Murphy was born in Floyd county, December 4, 1859; was reared on a farm, educated in common schools until 17, when he entered Marengo Academy, in Crawford county, taking a regular course. He then commenced teaching, and has taught every winter since; he also took a business course in New Albany Commercial College in 1880. He is one of the most successful teachers in Floyd county.

James R. Murphy was born December 3, 1867. He was brought up on a farm, educated in the common schools, spent two years at Hartville school and one term at Marengo Academy, and also took a business course in New Albany Commercial School. He also teaches in the public schools. The Murphy boys, as they are called, are industrious young men, and own 250 acres of fine land.

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GEORGE A. NEWHOUSE, Sr., was born in Germany in 1841, and came with his parents to America in 1851, locating at New Albany, where he was educated in the public and private schools.

He learned the trade of machinist in the shops of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad, with which company he has been for thirty-three years, filling the position of general foreman for many years, resigning it in the autumn of 1888. He is regarded as one among the best machinist in Indiana.

He is a Past Master Mason and treasurer of New Albany Lodge, No. 39; a Past Grand in the Odd Fellows, and a Past High Priest in the Encampment of the same order; a member of the Knights of

Pythias; a member of the German M. E. Church, and treasurer of its Board of Trustees, and has been superintendent of its Sunday-school for many years. He is also Recording Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A.

In 1860 he was married to Mary E. Edler, of Wheeling, W. Va., and seven children have been born to them: Adelaide, wife of Wm. A. Laufer, of Louisville; John F., who married Louisa Hartman, of New Albany, and is master mechanic of the Louisville Southern Railroad and the K. & I. Bridge Company; Louisa J., wife of Henry L. Graf, agricultural dealer, New Albany; Florence A.; George A., clerk for Henry L. Graf; Charles H., learning the trade of machinist; Edward A., and Florence.

George A. Newhouse, Sr., is the son of Frederick L. and Adelaide (Huneke) Newhouse, both natives of Germany. His father died at New Albany in 1880, aged 71; his mother died at New Albany in 1871, aged 61. He has one sister, Mary, wife of Charles Goodbub, New Albany, Ind.

DR. ELIJAH NEWLAND is a representative of an old family. His ancestors came to America with William Penn, in 1682, the good old Quaker who settled Pennsylvania. Samuel Newland, Governor of the Bank of England a century or more ago.

Dr. Newland was born in Burke county, N. C., June 20, 1807, and is a son of Benjamin Newland, a native of York county, Pa., who was born in 1763, and who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. When but sixteen years of age, he stood his draft, drew a lucky number, shouldered his musket, which he carried until the close of the war. He was one of the guards of Lord

Cornwallis, after his surrender at Yorktown.

He was reared a Quaker, and after going into the Revolutionary army he was disowned by his people. He did not return home after the war was over, but subsequently married Miss Catherine Tate, a native of Pennsylvania.

She was a daughter of Robert Tate, who said he was "neither Robert Tate, bondman, nor Robert Tate, Yoeman, but Robert Tate, Gentleman."

Benj. Newland, the father of Dr. Newland, left Pennsylvania shortly after his marriage and went to Virginia, and later to North Carolina, from whence he removed to Salem, Ind., in 1825, when Gen John DePauw, Saml. Milroy, Alexander Little and Christopher Harrison (the latter the first Lieutenant-Governor of Indiana), were all prominent in politics.

Dr. Newland, the subject of this sketch, attended school at Salem, at the Seminary of the famous John I. Morrison. He read medicine with his brother, Dr. Robert C. Newland, beginning his studies in 1828, attended lectures in 1829-30 at old Transylvania University at Lexington, Ky., when it was in the zenith of its glory, and the most famous institution of learning west of the Alleghanies.

He graduated in 1830, and in April of that year began the practice of his chosen profession at Salem, his old home,—first with his brother until the latter removed to Arkansas in 1836, and after that alone.

He had a large and lucrative practice, extending over six counties. This he kept up about twenty-three years in Washington, performing nearly all the surgical operations in that county. There was a United States three per cent fund agent, to be appointed by the County Board as manager of that per cent fund, and he was

appointed manager. In 1843 he collected the taxes of the county, and in the Presidential election of 1844, he was on the Polk electoral ticket.

In 1852 he was elected State Treasurer, running 2,500 ahead of the ticket, and in 1854 he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention, by acclamation, for reelection, but the Know Nothing craze defeated him. He could have claimed the office on a technicality, as the Know Nothing candidate was voted for under two or three different given names, but he waved the right.

In 1866 he was elected to the Legislature from Floyd county, having removed to New Albany in 1857. The Democrats were in the minority but he was an influential representative and was elected without difficulty. When he removed to New Albany, Alexander Burnett, ex-Lieut. Gov. Hon. M. C. Kerr, Jno. B. Windstanley and A. P. Willard were prominent in politics.

In 1853 he quit the practice of medicine, as he thought he had done his share of hard work and would surrender the field to younger men. They would not let him retire from practice while at Salem, and for that reason was elected Treasurer of State and removed to Indianapolis.

He was married in 1832 to Miss Amanda Lyon, a sister of Dawson Lyon, Esq., deceased, of Salem. She died July 6, 1833.

He was married again to Martha McPheeters, of Washington county. She died July 1, 1838. And he again married, in 1841, Margaret M. Talbot, of Madison, Ind. He has no children living; a daughter of his own was the second wife of Washington C. DePauw. Newland T. and Charles W. DePauw are his only grandchildren.

He was cashier of the Bank of Salem, at New Albany, for four years, from 1857

to 1861, when, owing to ill health, he went out "hunting and fishing."

He owns twenty-eight acres of land in Floyd county, 1,000 acres in Lawrence county, 630 acres in Washington county. He has been a member of the Episcopal Church for over twenty years.

In 1841 he joined the Methodist Church, and for twenty-five years was a consistent member, when he joined the Episcopal Church. He is a prominent Mason and a Knight Templar. He is a strong Prohibitionist, and believes in a national law abolishing the liquor traffic.

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FRANCIS NORTON, born October 30, 1846, at Bordentown, N. J. When a child his parents removed to Troy, N. Y. Here he attended school till 14 years old, when he entered a rolling mill and learned the trade of roll turner. In 1864 he went to Montreal, Canada, to assist in the erection of a rolling mill, remaining three years. In 1868 he went to Newburg, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, and engaged as roll a turner, and was the first man at Cleveland to make a Bessemer steel wire rod, which proved very successful; but very great improvements have since been made in the Cleveland mill, it having grown into the largest Bessemer steel wire works in America. In the fall of 1869, he located at New Albany, Ind., and engaged as roll turner at the Ohio Falls Iron Works, where he still remains, adding to his other position that of attending the guide-rolling department. In 1884 he was an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention at Chicago, and is at present a member of the Floyd County Republican Central Committee. He is a member of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, and also a Mason, Odd Fellow, and Knight

of Honor. From 1863 till 1866 he was a partner with his brother-in-law, Geo. E. Beard, in the agricultural implement and seed business. He was married in 1885 to Mrs. Hattie Maur, of Chicago, Ill., but has no children. He is the son of Joseph Norton, a native of Bloomfield, England, who came to the United States when he was but ten years old, and was reared in New Jersey. The father is a rolling mill man, and has built a number of large and costly rolling mills in the United States and Canada. He is still living, hale and hearty, at the age of 64 years, at New Albany, Ind.

OLLIE OWENS, born at Owensburg, Greene County, Ind., Oct. 19, 1852. He was reared until 17 years old at Owensburg (which town was named for his father), attending the common schools there. At 17 he went to Mitchell, Ind., where he attended the High School for two years. After leaving school he taught for two sessions, and then came to Floyd county, Ind., where he taught for three sessions.

He spent his vacations in the drug-store of his brother-in-law, Isom Barton, at Mitchell, in the study and practice of pharmacy.

In 1880 he engaged in the drug business for himself at No. 431 North Vincennes street, where he still carries on the business with the success that always follows intelligent enterprise and industrious application.

On March 13, 1877, he was married to Miss Alice White, daughter of Edward White, Sr., and they have four children—Estella, H. B., Marshall and Pearl. He is a Mason of the Royal Arch Degree, a K. of P. and a member of the Baptist Church. In 1876 he was Deputy Marshal of Mitchell, Ind. His father, Lilburn Owens, is a native of Indiana and a

farmer residing in Greene county, and is a blacksmith by trade. His mother, Elizabeth Owens, was also a native of Indiana; she died in 1855, leaving six children—Juliette, Catherine, Marshall, Belle, Ollie and Howard.

GEN. JASPER PACKARD, editor of the New Albany *Tribune*, was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1832. His parents were natives of Delaware. When he was three years of age his parents removed to Indiana, and settled in Marshall county on a farm, where he was brought up, and educated in the common schools, and at Oberlin College, Ohio, graduating from Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1855. He read law at Laporte, Ind., was admitted to the bar in 1859, and practiced until the war began.

In 1861 he volunteered as a private in the 48th Indiana Infantry, and was promoted step by step until he became captain of his company. In 1864 he was made lieutenant-colonel of the 128th Infantry, and the next spring (1865) was made colonel of same, and at the close of the war was made brigadier-general for meritorious service during his long term.

After the war he returned to Laporte and in 1866 was elected auditor of the county; in 1868 he was elected to Congress, and again in 1870 and 1872. In 1874 he organized a new paper, *The Laporte Chronicle* which he published for four years, and then sold it because he had been appointed revenue agent, which he held for eight years. In 1886 he started a daily paper, *The Public Spirit*. This he discontinued and brought the material to New Albany, and in April 1888 started the *Tribune*.

He was married in 1855 to Miss Harriet S. Tibbits, of Michigan. They have three children.



JAMES S. PEAKE, in point of continuous service in the business, is the oldest dry goods merchant in New Albany, Ind. He is the son of John Peake and Abigail Smith, and was born at New Albany, January 9, 1834, and, being left an orphan at nine years of age, was reared in New Albany by the late Judge Thomas L. Smith.

His father was a native of Kentucky, his mother of New York; they came to New Albany in 1833. He was educated in the New Albany schools. In 1852 he entered the store of W. N. Benton as clerk; in 1853 took a clerkship in Noyes & Clynes' store, remaining seven years; in 1860 went to the dry goods house of E. M. Hubbert; in 1866 went to C. A. Rineking's store, remaining until 1871, when he formed a partnership with John Baer, in dry goods, under the firm name of Peake & Baer.

The firm continued eight years, doing a large business, when Mr. Baer purchased the stock. The same year (1879) Mr. Peake started in the dry goods business alone, and continues the business to this time at No. 48 East Market street, where he has built up a large and valuable trade. This makes 36 years of continuous service in the dry goods trade; and it will be observed that Mr. Peake, as a clerk, was always in demand. This is a high compliment to his integrity as well as to his business tact and industry.

In 1862, Mr. Peake was married to Mary F. Pullen, daughter of Louis L. and Ruth Elliott Pullen, her mother being the sister of the late Capt. B. L. Elliott, who commanded the steamer A. L. Shotwell in her famous race with the steamer Eclipse, from New Orleans to Louisville. Two children have been born to them: Thomas H. and Ruth A.

Mr. Peake is a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the Central Christian Church, and has been deacon in the church since

its organization. He has been successful in business, and has won his success through sterling business qualities and integrity.

GEORGE F. PENN, born at Louisville, Ky., May 21, 1847. His father, James C. Penn, was a native of Bedford county, Va., and his mother, Jane Floyd, a native of Kentucky.

He is a self-made man. In 1862 he joined the Home Guards at Lynchburg, Va., and in the autumn of 1864 was attached to Nelson's Battalion of Kirkpatrick's Battery of Amherst's Light Artillery of the Confederate service, and served in that capacity until the close of the war.

Mr. Penn made his home in New Albany in 1866, his first employment being a clerkship in the glass works.

In 1880 he was appointed superintendent of the window-glass and bottle departments of the works, and in 1887 was promoted to superintendent of the plate-glass department of the works.

He has been six times elected to the City Council of New Albany from the first ward, serving twelve years, and at each election receiving a large majority of the votes of his ward. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity (being a Knight Templar), of the I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, A. O. U. W., and Knights of Labor. Few men possess better business qualifications, and these he carries into the discharge of his official duties as a councilman.

On December 28, 1870, he was married to Miss Mary F. Hart, daughter of Capt. William Hart, who served two terms as Mayor of New Albany, and was a prominent steamboatman, boat builder and citizen of New Albany. Five children have been born of Mr. Penn's marriage, one daughter and four sons.

Left fatherless at ten years and motherless at twelve, Mr. Penn has made his way in the world by individual effort and has risen to honorable positions by force of character in merit, in public spirit and personal enterprise.

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LEVI L. PIERCE, a native of Newcastle, Lawrence county, Penn., was born September 28, 1850, and is a son of David Pierce and Sarah Belle Ray, natives of Pennsylvania, who, when he was but six yearsold, died, leaving him an orphan. Mr. Pierce attended the common schools of his native county, and at the age of sixteen years took employment in the window-glass department of a glass works, remaining there until advanced to a blower. He came to New Albany in 1876 and took the position of blower with the New Albany Plate Glass, Window Glass and Bottle Works, and has been a resident of New Albany, and with the W. C. DePauw Company ever since, now being superintendent of the window-glass and bottle departments of these works. He was married in December, 1875, to Miss Belle Smith, of Newcastle, Penn., who died November 14, 1884, leaving four children, two daughters and two sons, Nellie L., Emma, Harry M. and Ray. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and several other organizations; also a member of the M. E. Church. He has been solicited to run for Mayor of New Albany several times, but always declined to make the race. He has made himself what he is—emphatically a self-made man.

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CAPT JONATHAN PETERS was born in Orange county, Indiana, August 22, 1833. His grandparents, Jonathan

and Mary Peters, and Jonathan and Mary Tatum, the former natives of Kentucky, the latter natives of North Carolina, were early settlers of Indiana, coming to the State in 1814.

His father, John R. Peters, was born in the blue grass regions of Kentucky, coming with his father to the State when but three years old.

The grandfathers, Jonathan Peters and Jonathan Tatum, were farmers, as was also John R. Peters; and Jonathan Peters, the subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education.

In 1863 he enlisted as a private in the One hundred and seventeenth Indiana Infantry, under Col. Thos. J. Brady; but before leaving Indianapolis he was elected second lieutenant, and afterward appointed quartermaster by Col. Brady. The regiment returned and was mustered out in 1864. In January, 1865, he recruited a company, and was commissioned captain, Co. F, 144th Indiana Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war, at which time he was A. A. General of Love's Brigade, Brooks' Division, Hancock's Corps, Army of the Shenandoah.

After being mustered out he came to New Albany, engaging as a traveling salesman in the wholesale hat and boot and shoe trade until 1872, when he engaged in the newspaper business.

He is now the principal owner and manager of the *New Albany Daily and Weekly Ledger*.

In politics, Capt. Peters has always been a Democrat, taking a great interest in the organization and welfare of his party, fearless in its defense, but always ready to discountenance and condemn the mistakes of his party leaders.

FRANCIS W. PETERS, born June 6, 1853, at Brownstown, Wayne county, Mich., educated in the common schools of his native county, and in 1872 went to Forks of Salt River, Ky. where he remained five months, and then located at New Albany, where he has since resided.

He is the manager of the I. F. Force Hickory Handle Works, one of the most extensive of their kind in the West, and having many important business connections with other interests of its proprietor.

Mr. Peters is a man of practical experience and of mechanical skill and good management.

He is the son of John H. Peters and Elizabeth A. Chase, and his father was a pioneer of Michigan, walking to that State from the State of New York in 1836, when but 18 years old, his birth occurring in 1818. He still lives at Brownstown, Mich., a very active man, doing as much work on the farm as any hand employed.

Francis W. Peters and Mary E. Force, sister of Mr. I. F. Force, proprietor of the Hickory Handle Works, were married in 1874 and have two boys: Clarence W. and Raymond F. He is a member of the Knights of Honor, being a charter member of the New Albany Lodge, No. 922. His mother died when he was but seven years old, leaving a husband and six children, one of whom, Charles O., has since died. Of the survivors, Catherine N. married John C. VanRiper, and lives at Detroit, Mich., Clara A. married Myram Harryman, and resides at Duluth, Minn.; Jennie M. married L. M. Lovette, and resides at Oak Park, Chicago; William H. is married, and lives at Michigan City, Ind.; Francis W. married, and lives at New Albany, Ind.

His father married a second time, his last wife being Mrs. Caroline Metcalf, Brownstown, Mich., and by this union there are

two children: John A. and Carrie J., both of whom are attending school.

PAUL REISING is a native of Germany, and was born in 1819. He is a son of Frank and Mary (Lettinger) Reising, who came to America about 1850, and were plain honest German people. Paul, the subject, has been in the brewing business many years.

He located in Louisville, Ky., in 1854, and, in partnership with Peter None, operated the City Brewery two years, when the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Reising removed to New Albany, where he has since resided.

In 1858 he bought, at sheriff's sale, the brewery he now owns, and which he has ever since operated. It is one of the largest in the city, and has a capacity of about 12,000 barrels annually.

Mr. Reising was married in 1843 to Miss Stockniller, native of Germany. They have two children. He is a zealous member of the Catholic Church.

JOHN J. RICHARDS was born in New Albany, Ind., Sept. 3, 1842. His father, Peter Richards, a butcher by occupation, was a native of Lorraine, and came to America in 1832.

His mother, Anna Huhlgrun, was a native of Bavaria.

Mr. Richards was reared in New Albany, and is a butcher, though he served an apprenticeship as a coppersmith. He served one term as a member of the New Albany City Council.

He was elected Mayor of the City in 1883, was re-elected in 1885, and again re-elected in 1887, and is now (1888) filling the office. In the responsible offices he

has been called to occupy by the votes of the people he has discharged his duties faithfully and well and has won great popularity. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar and a member of the German Benevolent Society.

In 1864 he was married to Elizabeth Renn, a native of Floyd county, and a daughter of Joseph Renn, a native of Prussia and a pioneer of Floyd county.

JOHN RUSSELL was born in New Albany, Ind., December 28, 1853, where he was reared. He was educated in the public schools, being a diligent pupil. When but 13 years old he took employment in the Rolling Mill, working there at different periods for fifteen years, during these years learning the trade of ship carpenter, which he followed for three years. He thus, by industry and natural aptitude in mechanical skill, acquired two good trades.

In June, 1881, with John J. Lyons as a partner he engaged extensively in the hotel, livery and feed business, they taking charge of the West End Hotel, West Seventh and Main streets, New Albany.

He is a man of great business energy and enterprise, and by these and his general popularity has financially prospered.

He was married in November, 1882, to Miss Ida Martin, of Fairmount, Jefferson county, Kentucky, and three children, John G., Mary L. and Edna C. have blessed the marriage. He is a member of the Catholic Knights of America. His parents are John Russell and Mary Russell (not related before marriage, though both of the same name). Both are of County Cork, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1850 and located at New Albany, where both now reside.

CHARLES SACKETT was born in Westfield, Mass., May 13, 1813, and with his father, a native of the same place, came to Indiana in 1825, the family locating at Corydon, Harrison county, where he learned the trade of a carpenter, afterward establishing himself in the business of contractor and builder, carrying on this business in Harrison county until 1844, when he removed to New Albany and carried on, very successfully, the same business until 1875.

Mr. Sackett served the people of Floyd county as county commissioner for about ten years. Afterward he was elected county auditor, serving in that position the full legal term, discharging all the public trusts confided to him with the strictest fidelity and to the satisfaction of the people.

He was noted as a contractor and master builder. Among the noted public buildings he erected are, the Floyd County Court House, the New Albany Opera House and Wesley M. E. Church. He was the architect and builder of many of the best business houses and residences in New Albany. He always was public spirited and identified himself with all the enterprises that have helped build up the city, particularly the manufacturing industries and railroads. He is the heaviest stockholder in the New Albany Forge and Rolling Mill and president of the company.

In 1837 he was united in marriage to Miss Josie Gresham, the daughter of George and Mary Gresham, in Harrison county, his wife being an aunt of Judge W. Q. Gresham of the U. S. Courts of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Mr. Sackett's marriage was blessed by thirteen children of whom ten survive: Ozen, George E., Belle M., Mary, Katie, Jennie, Alice, William, Frances and Ida May. Mr. Sackett's

mother was Sallie Woods, of Groton, near Boston, Mass., a woman of strong personality, and for a brief time his parents resided in Boston, starting west from that city and crossing the Alleghanies in a wagon to Pittsburgh, where they remained for a time, then purchased a flatboat, in which they floated down the Ohio to the mouth of Harrod's creek, near Louisville, Ky., and thence to Corydon, Ind., where he purchased a farm, to which the family removed. After the death of his wife the father of Mrs. Sackett returned to his native town in Massachusetts, where he died in 1858, at the age of 68. Associated with Mr. Sackett in the Steam Forge and Rolling Mill Company is his son, Mr. George E. Sackett, who is secretary and treasurer of the company. Mr. Sackett served several terms as a member of the New Albany City Council.

CHARLES W. SCHINDLER, Recorder of Floyd county, is a native of New Albany, born Nov. 4, 1858.

His father, Albert Schindler, a native of Germany, and a plasterer by trade, came to New Albany in 1848, and, after a useful and honorable life, died June 16, 1886. His mother, Mary Boersie, was also a native of Germany.

Mr. Schindler, after receiving a full course of instruction in the schools of New Albany, became a student at the Ohio State Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1883.

He learned the trade of plastering from his father, but became a successful teacher in the public schools of his native county, winning merited popularity by his devotion to his duties.

In 1884 he was a candidate for the State Legislature and was defeated on a

technicality before the Democratic Convention of his county.

In 1886 he was nominated by the Democratic party, and elected County Recorder, the duties of which responsible office he is discharging with fidelity to the interests of the people and with honor to himself.

His wife was Miss Fannie M. Stolzer, daughter of William Stolzer.

LEVI H. SCOTT, was born in Lafayette township, Floyd county, Ind., March 26, 1856, and after attending the public schools he became a student at the Bedford Male and Female College, from which he graduated.

He then took a full course at the Northern Indiana Normal College, Valparaiso, from which he graduated in 1878.

He immediately commenced teaching in the public schools of Floyd county, and in 1881 was elected county superintendent of Public Schools. In 1883 he failed of reelection and resumed teaching at Scottsville, Floyd county.

In June, 1885, he was again elected county superintendent, and re-elected in 1887. In 1888, March 16, he received the Democratic nomination for treasurer of Floyd county, to which office he was elected by a handsome majority Nov. 6, 1888.

In 1879 he was married to Miss Hanna G. Scott, daughter of Wesley Scott, of Floyd county, Ind.

He is the son of Jeremiah and Doreas Wilson Scott, his father being a native of Floyd county and his mother of Clark county, Ind. His father was born in 1831 and was a prominent farmer of Floyd county; he died May 28, 1886, leaving a wife and eleven children; all are living except the eldest. They are Wesley (who died Dec. 24, 1886, being trustee of Lafayette township), Lev

H., Walter J., Angeline, Martha A., James H., William, Dorcas, May and Estella.

Mr. Scott has three children: Orella, Maude, Berla and Daisy.

He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Christian Church.

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JAMES G. SHIELDS was born in Floyd county, Ind., October 10, 1829, and is a son of Clement N. and Mary (Stewart) Shields. The former was a native of Barren county, Ky., and is a son of Patrick Shields, who came from Virginia to Indiana when the latter was a Territory.

It is said that the first religious meeting held in the Territory was held in his house. Mary Stewart Shields was born in Barren county, Ky., of a very strict Christian family.

His father, after moving to this State, commenced merchandizing near New Albany in 1830, and 1832 moved into New Albany, where he continued to reside until his death.

The grandmother of the subject was among the first white women in the State of Indiana, and his grandfather was a member of the Provisional Convention that got up the Territorial Constitution of government of the Indiana Territory.

He was with Gen. Harrison at the battle of Tippecanoe, and was his warm personal friend, a Whig and a warm supporter of the General for the Presidency.

James G., the subject of this sketch, is the eldest of two boys, and was reared in New Albany. He received a good practical education, and upon reaching manhood engaged in the retail dry goods business; he was also interested at the same time in five Ohio river steamers, viz: "Huntress," "Star," "Burd Levi," "Cora S.," and "Ollie Sullivan." His last steamboat venture was in 1879—"Steamer Shields."

Prior to the war he was engaged in the jobbing business—from 1853 to 1860—at New Albany, Indiana, and Keokuk, Iowa. He served the Government during the war, carrying provisions.

Since the war he has been a traveling salesman in Arkansas, representing McCord & Aydelotte hat house in Louisville. Both members of this firm died in 1888, and since January 1, 1889, Capt. Shields has been in the employ of their successors, H. C. & C. I. Warren.

In 1852 he was married to Miss Cora A. Snyder, of Salem, Ind. They have one daughter living out of four; his son Harry died in 1879.

He is a 33d degree Mason and a Past Eminent Commander of Knights Templar No. 5, New Albany, Ind. Mr. Shields is a man of intelligence, a business man of the best qualities, and a thorough gentleman.

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S. S. STALCUP was born in Valeene, Ind., in 1855, and is a son of John and Martha (Riley) Stalcup. His grandfather, Samuel Riley, was a native of Virginia, and came to this State when a boy. He grew to manhood and became a thorough business man. He established a bell foundry, and later engaged in mercantile business. When the Mexican war broke out he volunteered and served twelve months.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of New Albany, his family having removed to this place when he was but six years old. He worked for a time in the brick business, and in anything else that would support him. In 1875, he went into partnership with Geo. Hopkins, of Louisville, Ky., in the mercantile business, which he continued for two years.

He was married in 1880 to Miss Ida

Samuel, of Louisville. They have three children—Carrie, Horace and Samuel S. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and of the Republican party.

JACOB B. STARR, born in Byrnsville, Harrison county, Ind., June 16, 1847, but located at Georgetown, Floyd county, Ind., with his parents, at the age of ten years.

He was educated at the common schools and then took an elective course in Hartsville University, completing his work in this institution in 1869.

He then taught school in the county for nine years, when, in 1878, he was elected principal of West Spring Street School, New Albany, Ind., and removed to that city.

He continued seven years as principal of this school, when, in 1885, he was elected superintendent of the public schools of New Albany, and is now serving his fourth term in that honorable and responsible position.

In 1876 and 1877 he was trustee of Georgetown township, Floyd county, Ind.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Christian Church.

In 1872 he was married to Miss Mary J. Lidikay, of Floyd county, and three children have blessed the marriage—Iler D., Oscar E. and Hattie M.

He is a son of David B. and Mary Argenbriht Starr, both natives of Harrison county, Ind. His father served three years in the army, which broke down his health, and from the effects of which he died at his home in New Albany in December, 1887. His mother is a resident of New Albany. He has two brothers living—W. L. Starr, a practicing physician and

county coroner, and Huon J. Starr, millwright, New Albany.

PETER R. STOY, general manager, vice-president and treasurer of the Ohio Falls Iron Works. There are few men in Indiana who have attained more local prominence, socially and financially than the subject of this sketch. His history is much like that of others, who, by their own efforts have attained competence and position and yet wore the stamp of individuality. Commencing with no capital but an unblemished character, he has, by honesty and fair dealing, become known as one of Indiana's successful business men.

He was born February 25, 1825, in the village of New Albany.

His father, Peter Stoy, was a ship cabin builder, who was born and reared in Philadelphia, Pa. His mother, Mary E. (Wicks) Stoy, was a native of Erie in the same State. Peter Stoy, Sr., came to New Albany in 1818. Mr. Stoy attended school in his native village until he was fifteen years of age. He entered the hardware store of Charles Woodruff, January 1, 1841, and continued in this and the dry goods business as clerk until 1846. At this time the death of his father occurred, and he took charge of the estate which was badly embarrassed. He succeeded in settling all liabilities and saved a competence for his mother. In the spring 1847 he took the position of clerk on the Ohio River Steamer "Atlantis," but left this employment after one season, as the influence and early training of a pious father and mother made the wild and boisterous life of the steamer repugnant to him. He then engaged in the hardware trade in the store of his former employer—who had died in the meantime—accepting a share in the pros-

spective profits of the business in lieu of salary. Here he remained until 1851 when he went into business on his own account. Purchasing his stock on an Eastern market, at first hand, he was enabled to offer as good inducements to the trade as older houses and became very successful. He has made numerous friends, and has passed through two severe financial crises with his credit unquestioned.

In 1866, with several others, he organized the Ohio Falls Iron Works. In 1873, after the great financial panic, he was elected vice-president of the company and in January, 1876, he was chosen vice-president, treasurer and general manager which position he now holds. He also continues his hardware business at the old stand, in which he is ably assisted by his two sons, Lewis R. Stoy and Raymond P. Mr. Stoy has been a member of the City Council the greater part of the time since 1850, and was elected by a large majority to the important office of commissioner of Floyd county. He is not now and never has been a politician. His political principles are Republican, but he was elected to office by the aid of Democratic voters in a county which gives a large Democratic majority.

In 1850 he married Miss Ellen Beeler, of New Albany, Ind., daughter of William and Elizabeth Beeler, and is a member of one of the best families of Floyd county.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoy have been honored members of the M. E. Church since 1843. Socially and financially Mr. Stoy stands among the most highly respected and influential citizens of New Albany.

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GEORGE J. STROBEL was born at New Albany, Ind., April 26, 1861. His

parents, Simon Strobel and Julia Winkler, were natives of Germany, coming to America in 1855, and locating at New Albany, where his father engaged in the leather business, which he continued until his death in 1884, at the age of 49, leaving a wife and five children; they are all living. They are George J., John L., Josephine, Carrie and Katie.

George J. Strobel was reared in New Albany and educated in the public schools, graduating from the New Albany Commercial College. After his graduation he engaged in the jewelry business at Cincinnati, but in 1885 returned to New Albany and entered the queensware business, which he continued until 1887, when he sold out and turned his entire attention to the wholesale leather and shoe finding business, which he had controlled while in the queensware trade. His place of business is at No. 8 East Market street.

He is a member of the German Benevolent Society and of the Catholic Church, and a man highly esteemed in business and social circles. His father was also a member of the Catholic Church, a business man of enterprise and a highly respected citizen.

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SHELBY SUMMERS was born in Floyd county, Ind., December 5, 1845, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Utz) Summers; the former was born in Virginia, May 2, 1817, and came to Indiana with his parents when but a year old; his wife, Elizabeth Utz, was born in Indiana, and is a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Baker) Utz, both of whom were born in Rockingham county, Va.; the former in 1784 and the latter in 1790. The subject of this sketch, Shelby Summers, was brought up on a farm and educated in



the common schools. He was married, at the age of twenty-five, to Miss Henrietta Welch, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Russell) Welch, natives of this State. Mr. and Mrs. Summers have three children, viz: William O., Joseph V., and Elizabeth E. Mr. Summers owns sixty acres of highly improved land. He is an enterprising and prosperous farmer. He was elected township trustee of Georgetown township at the last election (1888) on the Democratic ticket.

JOHN H. THOMAS was born in Floyd county, Ind., February 9, 1828, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Martin) Thomas, the former a native of North Carolina, where he was born in 1807. His ancestors, he affirmed, came over in the Mayflower, making the Thomas family one of the oldest in the country. They eventually settled in Maryland, and from thence went to North Carolina, and came to this State many years ago. The latter, Mary (Martin) Thomas, was born in 1807, and was a daughter of Thomas Martin, who was a soldier under Gen. Harrison in his Indian campaign of 1811, and was with him in the battle of Tippecanoe. He came originally from North Carolina.

John H., the subject of this sketch, was raised principally in Harrison county, and educated in the common schools—some of them very common—being of the log cabin, puncheon floor, stick chimney kind, common a half century ago. After reaching maturity, and having obtained a fair education, he commenced teaching, and followed it through the winter seasons from 1849 to 1864, occasionally teaching a summer term also. He then engaged in mercantile business in Georgetown, hav-

ing moved to this county, which he has since followed with good success.

Mr. Thomas was married in 1854, to Miss Lavinia Zimmerman; both of her parents were of German origin, and emigrated to America in an early day, and settled in Maryland, thence to Virginia, and thence to Indiana, when in woods. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have no children—he, however, takes an active interest in educational matters. Mr. Thomas was elected clerk of Georgetown township, assessor for four years, and after serving a term was elected school trustee, which office he held for two or three terms; he is at present one of the trustees of the town.

He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

LOUIS VERNIA, born in Floyd county, Ind., June 9, 1836, is a son of Peter and Susannah Piers Vernia.

His father was a native of France, but came to the United States when only 15 years old, engaging, after his maturity, in the mercantile business, and being a heavy purchaser and shipper of produce to New Orleans and other Southern markets, continuing this business most of his life, and dying in 1881, at the age of 73 years.

Mr. Vernia's mother was a native of Ireland, coming to America at the age of five years.

Louis Vernia, the subject of this sketch, received only a common-school education. In 1857 he commenced business as a retail grocer in New Albany, continuing for four years. He then changed his business to a dealer in feed and grain and wholesale and retail groceries, his establishment being on Spring street and very large, and his business very extensive. In 1887 he began to wind up his large

business, but is yet engaged in the grocery trade.

Mr. Vernia is a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and president of the prosperous Total Abstinence Temperance Society of that church. He has served several terms as a member of the New Albany Council, and was a reliable and wise member of that body.

He was married in 1868 to Mary E. Doherty, a native of Floyd county, Ind., and ten children have been born to the marriage: Mary, Anna, Susannah, Thomas, Louis, Edward, Paul, Martin, Roger and Herman.

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FERDINAND GRAHAM WALKER is an artist of no mean pretensions. He was born at Mitchell, Lawrence county, Ind., February 16, 1859, and is the second son of Rev. Francis and Mary Graham Walker, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. His father is a Methodist preacher, and a member of the Indiana Conference, with which he has been connected for thirty-one years.

Early in life Mr. Walker manifested the taste for art, which he has since cultivated with such marked success. At ten years of age he loved to draw, and in such exercises at school excelled all his young fellow pupils with ease.

At the age of fifteen he entered the Art Department of DePauw College, where he remained some time. During this period he also received instruction and criticisms from Gen. S. W. Price, at that time a prominent artist of Louisville, Ky. Mr. Walker's success during these days marked the beginning of his true devotion to painting.

Having made art his chosen study and vocation, October of 1885 found our gifted young painter a student in the famous art

schools of Paris, France. Here at the Ecole de Beaux Arts and the Academie Colarossi, under the direct influence and guidance of the masters in Art, he enjoyed the highest advantages the world can afford a student for perfecting himself in the law and technic of fine art.

His successes in the Paris schools were even more flattering than those of previous years. At the Academie Colarossi, after having been abroad but four months, Mr. Walker ranked third in the *concours* in a class of pupils some of whom had studied in the French schools eight years.

Returning to the United States in November of 1886, Mr. Walker re-established himself in New Albany in the studio which he had opened prior to going abroad. Since returning he has given his time exclusively to palette, brush, and canvas, with that devotion to be seen only in the true artist.

He married Miss Mary Watkin, an accomplished lady of New Albany, whose congenial tastes and sympathies finely harmonize with her husband's artistic inclinations.

Thus far Mr. Walker has given largely of his time to portrait painting. But, though only turning thirty, he has done a great deal of fine work in other fields as well. He is an artist of high rank, and his genius is rapidly winning him a brilliant reputation.

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HENRY WATKEYS, a prominent inventor of New Albany, and master mechanic of the L., N. A. & C. shops, was born in the Dominion of Canada in 1829. His parents, Henry and Susan Watkeys (*nee* Potter) were both Canadians by birth; his father was a mechanic by trade. The subject of this sketch, after receiving only the

advantages of a common-school education, learned the trade under the tutelage of his father. In 1879 he invented a movable valve seat for locomotives, and in 1880 he invented a throttle valve, which was adopted by the principal railroad systems of New York State, and at once linked his name among the other great inventors of the country. Among other things Mr. Watkeys has invented, and those which have proved successful as inventions, are the car axle with independent wheel, breech loading shotgun, water valve for hydrant purposes, etc. His wife was a Miss Serviah T. Coleman, of Massachusetts, to whom he was married in 1850, and have eight children—Henry, who is engineer and master mechanic; Luther C., clerk in L., N. A. & C. office; Frederick D., mechanic and draftsman; Frank B., machinist; the younger ones are Charles W., Gertrude, Mabel and Marion. Mr. Watkeys is an ardent Republican, and is a successful business man as well as a successful inventor.

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JOHN R. WEATHERS, teacher, New Albany, Ind., was born at Marengo, Crawford county, Ind., March 12, 1847. He is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of his native county.

His father, Capt. Enoch Weathers, a leading farmer of his day, was also a native of Crawford county, and during his life held important local offices, and for many years held the rank of captain in State Militia.

Capt. Weathers' father, Richard, a Tennessean by birth, came to Crawford county, and settled there about 1810. Richard Weathers followed the pursuit of farming, and for many years he was a member of third division of United States Militia.

John R. Weathers, the subject of this sketch, received his primary education in the common schools, and subsequently entered the State University at Bloomington, Ind.

In 1870, he began life as a teacher in Marengo Academy, and continued as such in that institution until 1873, when he came to New Albany, and in the same year took charge of the Main street ward school, and held this position for six years.

In 1879 he removed to Little Rock, Ark., and became editor-in-chief of the *Little Rock Chronicle* and *Arkansas School Journal*. There he remained for one year. Returning to New Albany, he superintended the East Spring street school for one year, going thence to Cannelton, Ind., and was for five years superintendent of the public schools of that city.

He again returned to New Albany, and was elected principal of the East Spring street school, the position he now fills so acceptably to the patrons of the school.

Mr. Weathers' wife was a Miss Zibbie Anderson, of Bloomington, Ind., to whom he was married in 1870. Two children, Daisy M. and Nellie G.

John R. Weathers is a member of the Christian Church, a Mason, member of the G. A. R. Order and Sigma Chi fraternity, and is one of the leading and best known educators in Southern Indiana.

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MERRILL A. WEIR, who was born at Salem, Washington county, Ind., is an illustration of what well directed, honest business effort may accomplish.

His father, David T. Weir, was born in Shelby county, Ky., and his mother, Ann Eliza Townsend, in Bourbon county, Ky.,

and were married in Clark county, Ind., December 31, 1826.

Merrill A. Weir was attending the public schools at Salem when his father died, leaving a wife and five children, and compelling him, in order to aid in their support, to leave school. By working at fifty cents per day and \$8.00 per month, he assisted his mother in educating and providing for the rest of the children, being the main support of the family.

At 22 years, having accumulated some money, he was married to Miss Nancy A. Bliss, daughter of Leonard Bliss, a prominent farmer of Washington county. He then engaged for three years in the drug business at Salem, and then commenced flatboating and speculating in produce. This laid the foundation of his fortune.

He left the river when the war broke out, and located at Mt. Vernon, Ind., where he entered largely into speculation in produce, pork and wheat—at one time, with two others, having \$250,000 invested in pork and wheat.

At the close of the war he was one of a party of capitalists that organized the First National Bank of Mt. Vernon, Ind.; was an officer and director in the bank for seven years, resigning in 1871, and removing to New Albany, where for two years he operated in pork.

In 1874 he helped to organize the Second National Bank of New Albany, of which he was elected director and cashier, serving as such until January, 1883, and then elected vice president.

In October, 1884, he resigned, intending to quit business, but was called, in December, 1884, to take charge of the New Albany National Bank as cashier, the former officer having resigned. Mr. Weir still remains in this position.

He started out in the world without a

dollar, as the main support of his father's family, which he continued until they were all grown, and bought the old homestead of the heirs, built a good house on it, and gave it to his mother for a home during her life. At her death, not being willing that it should pass into the hands of strangers, he gave it to the Methodist Episcopal Church, for a parsonage, on the sole condition that the trustees of the church were to keep the graves of his parents in good condition after his death. This property cost him \$3,500.

He never had any children of his own, but assisted in the rearing and education of several. He never had a note to go to protest, and could always, within twenty-four hours' notice, pay all he owed. While residing at Mt. Vernon, he deposited \$10,000 in E. R. James' Bank, just before it failed, this being all the money he had. Two years later he got eighty cents on the dollar; yet when he thought he had lost all this money, he was not discouraged, but pushed ahead with energy, and during the two years he had to lay out of its use, made \$30,000.

Mr. Weir and his wife have always been kind to and helped the poor. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Weir is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Knight Templar of that ancient and honorable order.

SAMUEL M. WEIR is a descendant of an old Virginia family, who emigrated to Kentucky in pioneer times. He was born in New Albany, January 9, 1846, and is a son of William M. and Cassandra (Robertson) Weir, natives of Shelby county, Ky., but who removed to Clark county, when Indiana was still a territory. He (William M.) located in New Albany in

1826, and was a cabinet-maker and undertaker by trade. He was a man of considerable local prominence, and served as mayor of the city in 1846 and 1847; and also city treasurer for 1856, and was a strong Whig in politics. He died in 1862. Middleton Robertson, the maternal grandfather of the subject, was a native of Maryland, and removed to the Indiana Territory about 1795-98.

Samuel M., the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools and in Towsley's private school. Most of his life has been spent in the public service. He commenced as clerk of the City Court, which he continued for six years; then was deputy city treasurer for eight years, and has now been city treasurer for fourteen years in succession. He is a most excellent and accommodating public officer, an honest man, and a worthy citizen. In 1874 he married Miss Anna S. Humphreys, a daughter of Captain Humphreys, of New Albany, a prominent steamboat builder, and one of the early citizens of the county.

JAMES E. WILSON was born in Corydon, Harrison county, Ind., July 16, 1836, and is a son of George P. R. and Sarah (Spencer) Wilson, the former a native of Kentucky, and born in Bardstown in 1802. After his birth his parents moved to Louisville, where they remained until 1820, when they moved to Corydon, Ind.

George P. R. was a man of considerable prominence, and among the leading statesmen of that day. He was elected to fifteen or sixteen terms in the State Legislature, and one term State Senator, and for twenty years took as active a part in politics as any man in Harrison county. He was considered one of the

finest orators in Southern Indiana. He was liberal in his views, earnest in his convictions, and delighted in the company and associations of old friends, with whom he could enjoy himself to the fullest degree. He was fond of hunting and fishing, and was considered one of the best rifle shots of his time. His father, Joshua Wilson, was a Virginian by birth, but of Irish descent.

Sarah Spencer, the mother of our subject, belongs to one of the most prominent families of Harrison county. She was the youngest daughter of Capt. Spear Spencer, a native of Nelson county, Ky., who was captain of a company and participated in the battle of Tippecanoe, and was killed on the field. She was born in Vincennes, January 13, 1809, and the same year her parents moved to Corydon, where she was brought up and lived all her life, dying there July 13, 1885. Her mother was Elizabeth Polk, of Nelson county, Ky., daughter of Capt. Charles Polk.

James, the subject of this sketch, was reared principally on a farm—that known as the old Harrison farm, situated seven miles west of Corydon, on Blue river, and once owned by Gen. William Harrison, grandfather of President Harrison. He remained on the farm until he was about twenty-two years of age, but was educated mostly in Corydon.

He was married in 1852, to Mary J. Davis, a native of this county, and born about eight miles northeast of Corydon. They have seven children, all of whom there are dead but two.

GEORGE W. WOLF was born in Harrison county, April 13, 1835, and is a son of David and Mary (Utz) Wolf, the former born in Kentucky and the latter in Vir-

ginia. The elder Wolf came to Harrison county in 1811 where he lived a number of years and then removed to Floyd county. He died at the age of eighty years. His father, George Wolf, was among the earliest settlers of Kentucky, and was a Pennsylvanian by birth and a German by descent. The maternal grandfather of subject, Adam Utz, was also of German origin, and removed to Indiana from Tennessee in 1812.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in Harrison county until eight years of age, when he removed with his parents to Floyd county. He received a common school education, and at the age of twenty-six years, was married to Miss Sarah A. Merriwether, a daughter of James P. Meriwether, came from Kentucky, and was among the first settlers of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf have never had any children, but they have partly raised three children. In the latter part of 1862 the subject enlisted in Eighty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. I, and served faithfully until the close of the war, but during the time was transferred to the Seventh Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps. He was honorably discharged June 30, 1865, and returned home. He has since devoted his time and energies to farming and stock raising, in which he has been entirely successful. He has a farm of 200 acres of excellent land, well improved and in a high state of cultivation. He is one of Floyd county's energetic and influential farmers, and stands deservedly high among his neighbors.

CHARLES WOLF was born September 26, 1849, in Floyd county, Ind., and is a son of David and Mary (Utz) Wolf, the former was one of the earliest settlers in

Harrison county, Ind., but a native of Kentucky, born in 1805. His father, George Wolf, was one of the pioneers of the "Dark and Bloody Ground," and was of German descent; the latter, Mary Utz, was born in Tennessee, her father emigrated to Indiana about 1812, and spent the remainder of his life there.

Charles, the subject of this sketch, was brought up on the farm and received the benefit of a common-school education. He followed farm life for a number of years, and then engaged in the saw-milling business, which he still follows. He owns the Wolf Hotel in Georgetown, of which he is proprietor, and, also owns a number of town lots in Georgetown, and eighteen acres of highly improved land near the town. By careful management, economy and industry he has accumulated some property, and is so situated as to live comfortably and independently.

In 1871 Mr. Wolf was married to Miss Lavina Crandle, born in Floyd county, and a daughter of T. Crandle, born in Harrison county; his father was a native of Virginia, and a blacksmith. He made the first threshing machine used in Harrison county, and which was rather a unique affair compared with the perfect machines of the present day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf have had seven children, viz: Ada M., born April 1, 1874; Ora A., born August 23, 1876; Mary M., born June 1, 1878; Zella (deceased), born January 22, 1881; Noble E. (deceased), born March 1, 1882; Lottie O., born June 3, 1884, and Beulah, born August 17, 1887.

Mr. Wolf is a man of prominence in his community, and has been School Trustee in Georgetown some six years, and has served as president of the board.

FREDERICK WUNDERLICH, a native of Germany, was born October 30, 1830, and in 1848 came to the United States and located at Memphis, Tenn., remaining there one year. During this time he traveled through Tennessee and Mississippi, selling notions to the slaves. From Memphis he went to St. Louis, remaining there but a short time and coming thence to New Albany in 1850.

He remained in New Albany but a short time, going to Louisville, Ky., where, in 1852, he engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes and clothing, continuing in the business until 1864, when he purchased a large shoe manufactory in New Albany, and carried on the business for two years.

In 1866 he engaged in the wholesale grocery business, which he sold out in 1867, and entered the live stock trade, buying and shipping to New Orleans. In 1869 he entered the feed, grain and commission business, and in 1873 added the

wholesale liquor business, in which he is still engaged, doing the largest business in his line done in New Albany.

Mr. Wunderlich is a self-made man; he has built up his large business and a substantial fortune by his untiring energy, unswerving integrity and commercial aptitude.

He is a prominent Mason, which order he joined in Louisville in 1855, and has filled every position in the Blue Lodge, he is also a member of the Scottish Rite in Masonry, of the Knights of Honor and of the Ancient Order of Workmen.

He is a member of the City Council of New Albany from the Second Ward. He was married at Louisville, Ky., in April, 1853, to Miss Matilda Molloy, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States in 1849. Two children, Mary and Christina, have blessed the union. Mary is the wife of Louis Michel, who was in business with Mr. Wunderlich.

Louis Michel's death occurred in February, 1889.







# HARRISON COUNTY.

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ALLEN ALLISON, Harrison county, cooper, a private in the late Civil War, was born in Boone township, Harrison county, April, 1844.

His parents were Asa and Rebecca (Mason) Allison, and were consistent members of the Christian Church. His father was born in Bullitt county, Ky., in 1780, as was also his mother in 1798. Mother's death occurred July 1, 1888. His father early settled in the county, and was a cooper by trade.

Allen Allison volunteered in the 144th Indiana Regiment of Volunteer Infantry in February, 1863, and was honorably discharged at Indianapolis in July, 1865; at the close of the war he returned to his home, and has since followed his trade.

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JOHN ANSHUTZ was born in Saxony, Germany, April 5, 1830, and is a son of Henry and Margaret Anshutz, who came to the United States and located in Kentucky. The former died in Harrison county, Ind., in 1876; the latter still survives, a hearty and hale old lady.

John, the subject of this sketch was brought up in Louisville, and when the war broke out he enlisted Co. D, Twenty-eighth Ohio Infantry, in which he served for three

years, being mustered out June 13, 1864, and returned to Louisville, his former home. His service was long and severe. He took part in all the engagements and marches and hardships of this regiment.

After he left the army he married Miss Dora Sipp, November 1, 1864. She was the daughter of Conrad Sipp, a native of Germany. Mr. Anshutz, after several removals, located near Buena Vista, in this county, on a farm of 160 acres, which he purchased and has highly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Anshutz have two children, viz: Maggie, born July 27, 1865, and Anele born June 27, 1867. Mr. Anshutz stands well among his neighbors, and is an excellent citizen.

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JOHN ARNOLD was born in Allegheny county, Pa., in September, 1848, and is the son of George and Amelia (Philbert) Arnold, the former born in Hamburg, Germany, came to America in 1846, and located in Pennsylvania. He married Miss Amelia Philbert soon after his arrival at Beaver, Pa., a sister to Col. Philbert of the famous Illinois Zouaves. George Arnold enlisted in September, 1861, and was captain of Co. I, Fifth Pennsylvania Artillery, commanded by George S. Gallop. Capt.

Arnold was discharged from the army on account of physical disability. John Arnold, the subject of this sketch, imbued with the martial spirit of his father, and, taking advantage of his absence, entered the army when but thirteen years old as a drummer boy. Capt. Arnold, hearing of his son's escapade, exercised his parental authority, and had him discharged, but Young America was not to be subdued. He entered the service as a page-boy to Gen. Meade and to make himself useful in any capacity about the general's headquarters. He remained there nearly a year, when he enlisted, and was engaged in the same capacity with Gen. Phil Sheridan as he had been with Gen. Meade, and was believed to be the youngest enlisted soldier from Pennsylvania. While in the service, he participated in the following engagements: Winchester, Piedmont, White Plains, Rectortown, Beach Bottom, etc., also in the raid through the Shenandoah Valley. He was discharged from the service June 25, 1865, and returned to his home in Pennsylvania. Having learned the trade of a cooper, he resumed that business and followed it, until 1869, when he came to Indiana, settling in Lawrence county. June 24, 1876, he was married to Miss Cecelia Anderson. This union resulted in two children, John B., and Mary. His wife died August 12, 1884. He moved to Clay county, Ill., soon after his marriage, and when his wife died he returned to Indiana, settling in Elizabeth, Harrison county. He is a prominent business man, and an honorable and respectable citizen.

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JOHN M. BAELZ, Recorder of Harrison county, was born in the town of Breitenstein, county of Boeblingen, Wurttemberg,

Germany, December 1, 1844, and is a son of John M. and Magdalena (Schlecht) Baelz.

He was reared on a farm in Germany, and remained there until he was twenty-one years old, when he came to America in 1866, and eventually made his way to Louisville; here he learned the baker's trade, remaining in Louisville and working at the trade for three years, when he removed to Corydon, and in 1870 opened a bakery, following the business until 1875, when he engaged in farming.

He followed agriculture until 1886, when he was elected Recorder, which office he still holds. Previous to his election to the office of Recorder, he had held the office of trustee for Scott township for four years, the duties of which he faithfully discharged. He is a faithful and vigilant officer, and attends strictly to his official duties.

He was married in 1870 to Miss Elizabeth Netz, a daughter of John Netz, of Harrison county. They have eight children, five sons and three daughters.

Mr. Baelz owns one farm in Scott township, Harrison county, where he now resides.

He is a zealous member of the fraternity of Odd Fellows.

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JOHN E. BARGER was born in Harrison county, Ind., January 21, 1838, and is a son of Henry and Delilah (Abell) Barger, the former a native of Harrison county, and a son of Philip Barger, who was born in Virginia. The latter, Delilah Abell, was a daughter of Ignatius and Catherine Abell. Ignatius Abell was a soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of New Orleans.

John E., the subject, was the third in a

family of eight children. He was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the common schools of the time. He enlisted in October, 1861, in Co. C., Fiftieth Regiment, serving gallantly until December 5, 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability, being reduced from a strong man, weighing 165 pounds, to a skeleton of ninety pounds. He has partially recovered, but is not the man he was before entering service.

He was married March 19, 1865, to Miss Mary I. Moss, a daughter of Benjamin L. and Mellison Moss. She was born in Louisiana, November 27, 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Barger have seven children, born as follows: James W., March 10, 1866; Mary D., September 10, 1867; Henry H., August 26, 1869; Nancy M., March 5, 1872; Benjamin W., December 3, 1873; Philip T., September 10, 1876, and Martha E., June 14, 1880.

Since the war he has devoted his time and attention to farming, and owns a good farm of 120 acres, highly improved and in a fine state of cultivation.

REUBEN BARTLEY was born in Butler county, Pa., September 7, 1832, and is of Scotch-Irish parentage. He was born on a farm, where he remained until he was eighteen years of age, receiving but a limited education in the public schools. He then went to Alleghany City, and became an apprentice to the trade of a plumber. After completing his apprenticeship he served for a time as a steamboat clerk between Pittsburgh and Louisville, but disliking the river he quit it and engaged at his trade in a plumbing establishment in Louisville as foreman. In April, 1855, he

was married to Miss Elizabeth Rush, of Alleghany City, Pa., a daughter of ex-Mayor Jonathan Rush. He remained in Louisville until the fall of 1858, when he removed to Summit, in Clark county, Ind., retaining his position with the Louisville Chemical Works, with Prof. J. Lawrence Smith, remaining until 1860. When the Civil War began in 1861, he commenced recruiting a company for the Federal army, but receiving a hurt which prevented him from taking the field, he turned his recruits over to another, sold his farm, and removed back to Alleghany City. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. G, 123d Pennsylvania Vol. Infantry, commanded by Col. John B. Clark. He was commissioned second lieutenant soon after the battle of Fredericksburg, and was mustered out with his regiment, at Harrisburg, Pa., May 13, 1863. Soon after quitting the army, he entered the detective service of the United States Government, where he remained a few months, when he was appointed second lieutenant by President Lincoln in the Signal Corps of the United States army, and ordered to report at Washington City. He arrived there in September and went into the Camp of Instruction at Georgetown Heights. He continued in camp till October 11, when he was ordered to report to General Meade, and remained on duty at his headquarters for some time, when he was selected by Capt. L. B. Morton to go, with Col. Ulric Dahlgren, then making his preparations for an expedition, in connection with General Kilpatrick, to liberate the prisoners in and about Richmond. Lieut. Bartley had charge of all the signal arrangements, etc. The expedition failed, Col. Dahlgren was killed in an ambush and most of his men captured, including Lieut. Bartley. They were taken to old Libby and put in a dungeon under the prison,

with the pleasant assurance of being hanged in a short time. After suffering innumerable hardships and remaining a prisoner until in April, 1865, he was declared exchanged. When he was captured he weighed 160 pounds, and when he got back among his own friends he weighed but 118 pounds. Upon being exchanged he reported to Col. Fisher, Chief Signal Officer at Washington, who ordered him into camp at Georgetown to wait assignment. Col. Fisher wished him to go to Gen. Sherman, but he declined, because his eyes had failed to such an extent that he could not see to read signals. He was then assigned to Fort Ethan Allen, near the Virginia end of the chain bridge, and soon after was ordered on secret service duty at the War Department, at the request of Hon. Jo. Holt, Judge Advocate General of the United States army. The special and most important work assigned him was to prove to the country that the Confederate authorities at Richmond had placed a mine under Libby Prison, that they might blow it up in case the Dahlgren raiders succeeded in getting into the city, their object being to kill all the prisoners rather than that they should escape. This proof he succeeded in obtaining, and that from the very men who placed the powder in the mine. He performed the service, and was on duty until after the trial of President Lincoln's assassins. He was then discharged by the general order of the War Department, and returned to Alleghany City. He lost his property in 1861 by depreciation, and he now set about repairing damages. He engaged in the plumbing business in Pittsburgh, remaining there until 1872, when he went to Youngstown, Ohio. He remained there two years, when his eyes failed, and he quit the plumbing business and spent two years in the oil re-

gions. In 1877 he came to Harrison county, Ind., where he has since resided.

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SOCRATES J. BENICE, Harrison county, farmer and ex-sheriff of the county, was born in Harrison county, within four miles of Corydon, November 5, 1825. He was reared on the farm, educated in the common schools of the county, and later attended the Corydon Seminary, taught by James G. May. On leaving school he returned to the farm, and was engaged in farming and saw-milling combined; in 1884 he became the nominee of his party, the Democrats, for sheriff of the county, and was elected, and at the end of his term of two years was re-nominated and was again elected by an increased majority, his majority being something over four hundred, while some of the other candidates for county offices on the same ticket were defeated.

In 1853 he was married to Miss Ambrosia E. Nelson, of Harrison county, daughter of Franklin Nelson, farmer and Revolutionary soldier, who settled in the county from New York in 1816. To this marriage have been born six children: Walter A., Mary, Jennie, John F., Louanah and Charles W.

Mr. Benice has a farm near town and is also engaged in the mercantile business at Corydon. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Miller) Benice, were born respectively in Jefferson county, Ky., and Pennsylvania.

John Benice settled in Harrison county in 1818. He was a prominent farmer and once made the run for Representative to the State Legislature, and was beaten only eighteen votes by Frederick Leslie, a Whig and at that time the Whig party had a majority in the county of about seven hundred. He died in 1852 and was born in

1802, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bence died in 1874 and was born in 1818.

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JAMES H. BENNETT, M. D., was born December 27, 1837, in this county, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Moyers) Bennett, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Harrison county. The older Bennett was a farmer, but later engaged in merchandizing at New Amsterdam. Forty years ago he ran a peddling wagon. He was born in 1812 and died in 1882. He was a man of energy and enterprise, and engaged actively in every thing to promote the interest of the community in which he lived. He owned and ran the Amsterdam flouring mill, and was for some time township trustee. Mrs. Bennett's father, John Moyers, was a native of Shenandoah county, Va., came here and entered the land around Amsterdam. James H., the subject, was reared on the farm and received a common-school education, after which he entered Hartsville College where he "finished off." In 1861 he enlisted in the First Indiana Cavalry as hospital steward, which he held for twenty months; he then became assistant surgeon of Forty-sixth United States Colored Infantry, which position he held, not only until the close of the war, but for nearly a year after. For two years of his service, the chief surgeon being absent, he did all the work. After the war closed he came to New Amsterdam and engaged in the coal business for a year and a half. He then entered Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1868. His practice in the army entitled him to one course of lectures, so he had to take but one at college. After graduating he commenced practice at Mauckport, Ind.,

in 1868, and in 1873 he came to New Amsterdam, and since that time has engaged in merchandizing. He was married in 1871 to Miss Margaret E. Parly, a native of Ohio. They have had eleven children, ten of whom are living. He served as postmaster at New Amsterdam until Cleveland's election, when he "walked the plank." He is an Odd Fellow, a member of Wm. T. Jones Post, No. 517, G. A. R., and is a Republican in politics.

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WILLIAM M. BENSON was born in this county, within one mile of Lanesville, January 16, 1832, and is a son of Robert and Malinda (Sampson) Benson, the former a native of England, who came to the United States when only fourteen years of age. He built the first canal at Louisville, Ky.; left England in 1818, came to Louisville, Ky., in 1826, and to Indiana in 1832.

William M., the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools of the county.

He was married in January, 1852, to Miss Anna Lemmons, daughter of John Lemmons, a prominent farmer of Harrison county. They have nine living children, as follows: James, Kempt, Ella, Alonzo, Arthur, Robert, Ada Retta, William and Laura. James is married to Miss Martha Felmev, and is farming; Ella is married to Joseph Brown, now working in the *Democrat* office in Corydon; Robert is practicing medicine in Gibson county, Ind., at a town called Buckskin; Laura is married to Joseph Yost, of Lanesville; the others are all single and live at home.

Mr. Benson is a large farmer and stock-raiser. He owns 350 acres of as good

land as there is in the county, and raises corn, wheat, potatoes and hay. He was elected trustee of Franklin township three successive terms, serving until 1874. In 1875 he took charge of the treasurer's office, having been elected on the Democratic ticket, and in 1876 was re-elected by a large majority.

He is one among a few treasurers for 20 years who have come out of the office with clean skirts. He was elected justice of the peace in 1880, which he held until 1885, as the town of Lanesville was then incorporated and appointed a justice of the peace of its own.

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LEVI BLUNK was the seventh in a family of nine children born to Andrew and Mary (Johnson) Blunk, the former born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, and the latter of Virginia. Andrew Blunk was son of Andrew and Mary (Calhoun) Blunk, the latter a blood relation to John C. Calhoun, the famous South Carolina statesman, and the former a pioneer who was known far and wide. He was well acquainted with Adam Poe, the borderer who killed the noted Indian chief "Big Foot," in a hand-to-hand fight; was also a compeer of Daniel Boone, Crawford, Dr. Knight, Slover, etc.; he was Revolutionary soldier in the Virginia Line, and took part in many of the famous battles of that long contest. Mary (Johnson) Blunk was a daughter of Henson and Jane Johnson. Levi, whose whose name heads this sketch, was born September 8, 1837. He was reared on the farm, and received such education as the common schools afforded, together with the advantages of a select school at Elizabeth, this county. One of his brothers was a

soldier in the Mexican war, and died there (at Brazos Santiago), August 6, 1846. Levi enlisted July 16, 1861, in Co. K, Twenty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged December 5, 1862, on account of disability. He was married May 8, 1864, to Miss Sarah E., daughter of James Bailey, Esq., and removed to Daviess county, Kentucky. She bore three children, viz: Nettie C., born May 20, 1866; Mary J., March 20, 1868; John T., November 11, 1870, and died March 10, 1871. Mr. Blunk moved back to Harrison county, and March 7, 1872, was married to Miss Martha J. Shafer. Of this second marriage were born six children, viz: Andrew J., Ela M., Levi G., Frank L., Elsa P. and Grover Cleveland; all of whom are living except Frank L., who died August 15, 1881. Mr. Blunk lives upon the old homestead where he was born, and owns 160 acres of good land.

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GEORGE BOONE was born in Boone township, Harrison county, Ind., March 16, 1837, and is the son of Craven and Sarah (Newman) Boone, natives of Jefferson county. Craven was the son of George Boone, and the latter the son of Samuel Boone, and he the son of Moses Boone, and he the son of Squire Boone, who was a brother of Daniel Boone, pioneer of Kentucky. (For sketch of Squire Boone, see body of the history.)

Craven Boone was born May 3, 1807, and died June 16, 1886. His wife, Sarah Newman Boone, was a daughter of Benjamin Newman, Esq., and was born in 1811. They had eleven children, of whom George Boone, the subject of this sketch, was the third. He (George) was brought up on a

farm, and educated in the common schools. He enlisted in the late war, August 18, 1862, in Co. E, Eighty-first Ind. Vol. Infantry, and was discharged June 13, 1865, on account of the war being over. He went in as a private and came out as a first lieutenant. He was in the battle of Stone River, Nashville, Columbia, Tenn., and of Chickamauga; was at the battle of Atlanta, and in all the engagements of that campaign, and several other minor battles and skirmishes, and after the war was sent to Indianapolis and thence to Louisville, Ky., where he was discharged.

He married Miss Heneria Inman, a daughter of Charles and Hersalia Inman, of Harrison county, the former born in Rising Sun, Ind., and the latter in Floyd county, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Boone have had five children, viz: Frank F., born November 3, 1869; Navaston W., July 24, 1871; Gertrude L., August 28, 1874; Charles T., November 1, 1883, and Claude N., January 4, 1886; all of them are living. Mr. Boone is a successful farmer, and an exemplary citizen.

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CAPT. N. B. BOONE was born in Boone township, Harrison county, Ind., June 12, 1835, and is a son of Craven Boone, a grandson of George Boone, who was a cousin of Squire Boone, the latter a brother of the old pioneer Daniel Boone, and an early settler in this county. Capt. Boone's mother was Sarah Newman, a daughter of Benjamin Newman, a native of Virginia, who moved to Tennessee and from there to Indiana.

Capt. Boone is the second in a family of eleven children born to his parents, Craven and Sarah (Newman) Boone. He was reared

on a farm and educated in the common schools of the county and in the higher schools of Corydon. He was elected Recorder of the county, 1858, and after serving three years resigned to enter the army. In 1862 he enlisted in the Eighty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. E., of which he was a captain. He resigned in October, 1863, and returned home.

He was married October 8, 1867 to Miss Anna R. Helms, born August 1, 1846, and a daughter of Dr. H. N. and Mary Helms—the latter a daughter of Rev. John Davis, a Methodist preacher, and a sister to Hon. John W. Davis of Sullivan county, Ind., a member of Congress from that district.

Capt. and Mrs. Boone have had nine children, as follows: Rush H., Mary M., Ida, Lola V., Fay N., Bonnie A., Hammet N. and Anna C. (twins), and Daniel E. The twins, Hammet and Anna, both died in a few weeks after their birth. Capt. Boone was in the mercantile business, and sold goods at Laconia in 1864. From there he moved to New Albany, and after several other removals returned to Harrison county, and located at Corydon.

Remaining at Corydon (merchandising), he then removed to Mauckport, where he sold goods about eighteen months, and bought a store-boat, on which he made two trips, one to Cottonwood Point, Mo., and one to Memphis, Tenn.

He followed merchandising from 1864 to 1874, since which time he has been devoting his time to agriculture, and owns an excellent farm of 130 acres.

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PHILIP BORDEN was born in Scott township, Harrison county, in 1839, and is a son of Levi Borden, a native of Virginia,

and a grandson of Jonathan Broden, who came from Virginia in an early day and settled in this county, and was a farmer of considerable means.

Levi Borden resides in Crawford county, and is over eighty years of age. Philip, the subject, was reared on the farm, partly in this and partly in Crawford county. He enlisted, in 1862, in the 66th Indiana Volunteer Infantry but was discharged in four months for disability. While in the service he took part in the battle of Richmond, Ky., was captured by the Rebels, remained a prisoner four days and was then paroled. He returned to Crawford county. He owns 240 acres of valuable land, well improved.

He was married in 1866 to Miss Sarah H. Sharp. They have seven children, viz: Perry, Lucilla, Leander, Daniel J., Ira, Julius and Benjamin.

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AMOS BRANDENBURG was born in this (Harrison) county, August 27, 1883 and is a son of Philip and Lydia (Charley) Brandenburg, natives of Kentucky. The father of the former, Jonathan Brandenburg, was born near Winchester, Va., and came to Harrison county, in 1816, from Meade county, Ky. George Charley, Sr., Lydia Charley Brandenburg's father, was a native of Virginia, and served through the Revolutionary war, and came to Harrison county in 1811, and settled on a farm, on which was built the first water grist-mill in the county, on Big Indian creek.

His pioneer neighbors were a Mr. Samuel Bell, from Kentucky, Mr. Nicholas Weadman and Jacob Fleshman. Jonathan Brandenburg died in 1854 at the age of seventy-nine years. Philip Brandenburg,

father of Amos, was born December 8, 1803, and was a farmer and saw-mill man. Absalom Brandenburg, the great uncle of Amos, settled on the now site of Brandenburg, Ky., and for him the town was named. Matthias Brandenburg, the great-grandfather of Amos, was born near Berlin, Germany.

Amos Brandenburg, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm and educated in the primitive schools of the time. He was captain of Co. H in the 6th Regiment Indiana Legion, and served throughout the war. He was in the John Morgan raid and in the battle of Corydon, under the command of Col. Lears Jordan, of this county.

He was married, in 1861, to Miss Dorthula Blankenbaker, native of the county, and daughter of Jesse Blankenbaker, an early settler. They had three children by this union—Wm. R., Charles S. and Florence E. His wife having died in 1879, he married again in 1880, Miss Emma E. Askew a native of the county, and daughter of Thomas Askew, a native of Kentucky. They had by this union two children—Jennie L. and Kittie M. The Brandenburg family have a large estate in Germany, exceeding 29,000,000 dollars.

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JOSEPH BRANDENBURG was born March 22, 1830, and is the son of Philip and Lydia (Charley) Brandenburg, natives of Meade county, Ky. (For particulars of family history, see sketch of Amos Brandenburg.)

Joseph, the subject, was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. During the war was a member of the Home Guards, commanded by Capt. George La-



Hue, and was in an engagement with Morgan during his raid through Indiana, in June, 1863.

He was married, in 1859, to Miss Perlina Myers, a native of Harrison county, and a daughter of Perry Myers. They have three children: Sarah Ellen, Mary Ann and Cora E.

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GEORGE W. BRINLEY was born January 17, 1841, in Harrison county, and is a son of Hiram and Amanda (Lefler) Brinley, also of this county; the former was born about 1817, and was a farmer—died in 1847; the latter was a daughter of Peter and Catherine Lefler, natives of Kentucky, and was born about 1810.

George W., the subject, was the fifth of six children, and was raised on the farm and received but a common-school education. He followed farming until the war came on, when, in December, 1863, he volunteered in the Eighty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. F. His term expired in December, 1865, when he was mustered out of the service and honorably discharged. He joined his regiment at Bridgeport, Ala., and was immediately taken with pneumonia and confined to the hospital for three months.

He then joined his regiment at Pulaski, Tenn., and was in the skirmishes of Spring-hill, and at Columbus, Ga. He was in the severe battles of Franklin and Nashville, where he was wounded. After the fighting was mostly over he was sent to Texas, where he remained until he was discharged. He returned home and has since farmed successfully. He has never married, but like a dutiful son, took care of his mother. His mother died October 1, 1888.

LABAN BROWN was born in Monroe county, Kentucky, October 18, 1834, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Otten) Brown, the former born in Virginia in 1787, and the latter in Georgia in 1808. The elder Brown emigrated to Kentucky and settled near Covington, where he resided until 1839, when he removed to Indiana and settled in Crawford county; later he moved to Harrison county, where the remainder of his life was spent. He died about 1871. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving first under Gen. Harrison and afterward under Gen. Jackson; was with the latter at New Orleans, and assisted in guarding the body of Gen. Pakenham, who commanded the British army, and was killed in that battle; was with Gen. Harrison at Tippecanoe. He was wounded while helping to build a fort during his service in the War of 1812, from which he was a cripple the remainder of his life. He was a zealous supporter and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Elizabeth Otten Brown, came with her parents to Kentucky in an early day, where she married. She is still living, making her home with her children. The subject of this sketch, Laban Brown, was raised on a farm, and educated in the common schools. When twenty-four years of age he married Miss Catherine Blair. Her father was a Virginian and her mother a native of Harrison county. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had four children, viz: Levi, Ida, Lela and William. Mrs. Brown died October 16, 1876, after being an invalid for nine years. In 1881 Mr. Brown married Julia Blume, a daughter of John Blume, who was born in Tennessee, moved from thence to Shenandoah county, Virginia, and thence to Harrison county, Indiana. Two children was the

result of this marriage, viz: Ernest R. and Jessie May. Mr. Brown enlisted in September, 1863, in Co. D, Thirteenth Indiana Cavalry, in which he served until in December, 1865. He was in the battle of Murfreesboro, the Seven days' fighting, and at Spanish Fort. After the war he returned home and resumed farming. Mr. Brown owns ninety-five acres of fine land, highly improved and well cultivated. He is an active and energetic and prosperous farmer.

DR. JACOB C. CLARKE was born in the State of Vermont, July 12, 1809. His father owned an extensive sheep farm in that State. Dr. Clarke was reared on the farm, attending the schools of the neighborhood, and later entered Mt. Piller College, where he pursued his studies for two years. At the age of 17, his father and family removed to New Richmond, Clemont county, Ohio. In this State he entered college at Oxford, and continued his studies for eighteen months, where he received his diploma as Bachelor of Arts. In 1826 he went to Cincinnati, and at once began the study of medicine under the instructions of Drs. Porter & Bradley; at the same time attended a series of lectures at the Ohio Medical College, taught by the eminent Dr. Eberle one of the principal professors of the College. In 1835 he again entered a doctor's office as a student, but this time in the office of Dr. Eberle. He again entered the Ohio Medical College, where he graduated with high honors in the winter of 1837. He came to Indiana the same year and located at Salem, Washington county, and began the practice of his profession. He remained at Salem for three years, when, in 1840, he removed to Corydon, Harrison county, Ind., where he

has since resided and where for nearly forty years he has successfully practiced medicine.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1833 he was married to Miss Eliza Neal, of Nashville, Tenn. This union has been blessed with nine children, of whom only one is living—Emily, wife of Henry Neely, of Harrison county, Ind. Catharine was the wife of Harvey McCarthy; she died in 1854. Morgan B. lived to be 32 years of age; he died in 1872. Eliza was married to Wm. C. Green; she and husband both died within 24 hours of each other, in 1878, leaving two children, Catharine and Jacob C. Green. Agnus, Florence, Fannie and Jacob C. all died with the spotted fever in 1864.

Dr. Clarke's father was a native of England, coming to America and serving through the Revolutionary war, fighting at the battles Cowpens and King's Mountain. He died in 1856, at the age of 92.

Dr. Clarke's grandfather Clarke was a near kinsman to the Clarke who wrote the Commentaries on the Bible, belonging to one of the best families in England. Dr. Clarke's mother died in 1859, at the age of 92 years.

LUKE H. COLVIN was born July 11, 1846, and is the son of Andrew H. and Martha Colvin; the former was born in Hardin county, Ky., in 1813, and was of Irish ancestry, who settled first in Virginia, but afterward removed to Kentucky.

Not satisfied with the latter place, Mr. Andrew Colvin came to Indiana in 1832, and settled in Harrison county. When he settled here he had one horse, and seventy-five cents in his pocket. By strict economy, energy and honesty, he succeeded in

accumulating considerable property. He boated to New Orleans, making twenty-one voyages thither, with cargoes of produce, and bringing back such goods as his neighborhood needed.

He died December 7, 1884; his wife died some time before him. At his death he owned 600 acres of fair land. Luke H. Colvin, the subject of this sketch, was the second in a family of ten children. He was raised on a farm, and received the benefits of a common-school education. When but eighteen years of age, he enlisted in the 58th Indiana Volunteers, Co. K, October 19, 1864, joining the regiment near Atlanta. He participated in all the battles and skirmishes in which the regiment engaged, until the close of the struggle at Appomattox. He took part in the grand review in Washington City, after the war was over, and was discharged July 25, 1865, and came home.

He was married January 3, 1869, to Miss Lizzie McIntyre, a daughter of Owen and Elizabeth McIntyre, natives of Ireland. The former died of sunstroke July 1, 1855.

The latter is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Colvin have had eight children, viz: Florence, born Jan. 21, 1870; Susan B., July 22, 1871; William, Jan. 7, 1873; Minnie, Dec. 22, 1874, Daisy, Nov. 20, 1879; Robert, May 22, 1881; Addie, April 24, 1884; John, Jan. 7, 1886.

Three of them are dead, viz: Susan B. died Oct. 3, 1871; Addie died May 5, 1884; and John died Aug. 28, 1886.

Mr. Colvin has a farm of 73 acres of highly improved land, and which is in a fine state of cultivation.

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THOMAS W. COMBS was born in this county, Sept. 20, 1835, and is a son of

David and Jane (Rogers) Combs, both natives of Virginia—the former was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, about 1784; was a soldier in the war of 1812, and when it was over he came west and settled in Indiana; the latter was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Rogers—the former of Revolutionary fame. David Combs was a son of Adam Combs, a Revolutionary soldier who served with distinction during the war, in Lee's division of Washington's army. Thomas W., the subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm, and received but a limited education such as was afforded by the public schools. When the war broke out he joined the Home Guard service, but Sept. 23, 1864, he joined Co. G, Fifty-eighth Indiana Vol. Infantry, from which he was discharged June 4, 1865, the war being over. He returned home after his discharge, and resumed his farm work. He was married Dec. 23, 1857, to Miss Mary Shaney, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Brown) Shaney, the former born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Combs have had five children as follows: David was born Jan. 27, 1859, and died Oct. 15, 1865; Elizabeth, born Dec. 8, 1859; William E. C., Sept. 2, 1862; Mary J., Nov. 10, 1864; Michael E., Dec. 15, 1866. Mrs. Combs died April 8, 1867; and April 18, 1868, Mr. Combs married Martha Kron, whose maiden name was Kingrey, a native of Harrison county. To this marriage was born nine children, viz: Martha, Dec. 6, 1868; Thos. I., Nov. 10, 1869; Sarah A., May 9, 1871; Mary A., Oct. 19, 1873; Rosalie, Feb. 15, 1876; Lydia A., Jan. 13, 1878; Eli R., Oct. 20, 1879; Ura K., July 24, 1881; all of whom are living.

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JOHN N. COOPER was born in this (Harrison) county, Sept. 12, 1830, and is

the son of John and Mary (Chappell) Cooper, the former a native of Virginia, born in 1798, and the latter a daughter of Jesse Chappell, a native of Kentucky. The elder Cooper was a son of Isaac Cooper, born in Virginia, and emigrated to Indiana in an early day, where he and his wife and one two children died with small-pox about 1830.

To John and Mary Chappell Cooper, were born nine children, John N., the subject of this sketch, being the fifth. He was brought up on a farm and educated in the common schools of the county. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Peyton, June 27, 1853, a daughter of Abraham and Rachel Peyton, natives of Harrison county, Indiana. They had nine children, born as follows: William L., Aug. 21, 1855; Rachel A., Oct. 1, 1857; Sarah J., Dec. 5, 1859; Edward L., Dec. 22, 1861; Mary E., Feb. 25, 1864; John T., Nov. 19, 1865; Delilah E., Oct. 5, 1867; Geo. C., Dec. 10, 1871; Robert H., Jan. 4, 1876. Rachel died April 19, 1876; Sarah died April 12, 1883; Delilah died May 4, 1881, and Robert died Jan. 4, 1876. Mrs. Cooper died June 4, 1888. Mr. Cooper enlisted Aug. 6, 1862, in Co. E, Eighty-first Indiana Vol. Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Stone River Dec. 31, 1862, and came home and resumed farming. He is an active man in his neighborhood, and takes a prominent part in all enterprises for the good of the county. Politically his sympathies are with the Labor party.

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JESSE E. CRITCHLOW was born in Pennsylvania, January 18, 1830, and is the son of James and Dorcas (Holt) Critchlow, natives of Pennsylvania; the

former was a farmer and miller. Jesse E., the subject of this sketch, was the oldest in a family of nine children. He served a full apprenticeship to the wagonmaker's trade, under J. Cleffer, and became a skillful mechanic. On completing his trade he began work as a journeyman with his former employer. After traveling considerably, and working at his trade in different places, he returned to Pennsylvania, and was married September 23, 1852, to Miss Lavina Stepp, a native of Pennsylvania, and born March 12, 1832. She was a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Heckhast) Stepp, also natives of Pennsylvania. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow emigrated to Indiana, and settled in Harrison county.

In 1861 he enlisted in Co. I, 37th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. His term of service expired November 10, 1864, when he was mustered out and discharged. He then returned home and settled down again to farming; he pays considerable attention to fruit culture, in which he has been quite successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow have had five children, born as follows: Ephraim, October 11, 1855; Annetta, August 8, 1857; John C., July 22, 1859; Sarah Adda, May 16, 1861; and Francis Marion, August 6, 1865; all of whom are living.

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JOHN F. CROMWELL was born in Webster township, Harrison county, June 20, 1844, and is the son of Lewis and Mildred (Fields) Cromwell; the former a native of Virginia, and an Englishman by descent, who emigrated to Kentucky early. He followed flatboating for many years to the South, carrying produce, etc., to

the Southern markets. Twelve children were born to him, of whom John F. was the youngest but one. He (John F.) was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools. He enlisted in Co. C, 66th Indiana Vol. Infantry, Aug. 9, 1862, and was mustered out in 1865, when the war was over. He saw much hard service. April 19, 1869, he was married to Mary F. Frakes, a daughter of Harvey and Ellen Frakes. They have had five children: James A., born April 20, 1870; Charles L., born March 27, 1872; Emma W., born October 14, 1876; Edward C., born November 18, 1878; and Olga G., born January 2, 1881, all of whom are living.

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OLIVER CROMWELL is a historic name, and withal has a rather sanguinary hue to it, but Shakespeare tells us there is nothing in a name, and doubtless the subject of this sketch bears no relationship to the author of the English Commonwealth.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was born July 26, 1841, and is a native of Harrison county. He is a son of Sanford and Lavina (Meek) Cromwell, the former a native of this county and the latter of Kentucky. Sanford Cromwell was a son of Fielding and Elizabeth (Rucker) Cromwell, being one of nine children born to them.

Lavina Meek Cromwell was a daughter of Edwin and Rachel Meek, natives of Kentucky, and born about 1816-17.

To Sanford and Lavina Cromwell were born four children, of whom Oliver, the subject of this sketch, was the second. He was brought up on the farm and received such education as was to be obtained in the common schools of the county.

When the war broke out he enlisted in Co. K, 59th Ind. Infantry, in 1862. At the expiration of his first enlistment he veteranized and served until peace was conquered at Appomattox. He was in the first expedition down the Mississippi, was in the Vicksburg campaign, and participated in all the principal engagements in that division of the army, including Sherman's march to the sea. After the war was over he returned home and resumed his farming.

He was married to Miss Ann J. Highfill, February 15, 1866, a daughter of Edward and Adaline (Bean) Highfill, and born April 12, 1842. They have eight children, born as follows: Mollie C., December 15, 1866; Hattie A., February 2, 1869; Lowell, December 3, 1871; Julia B., April 1, 1873; Lottie O., October 10, 1875; William R., January 6, 1878; Manford E., April 14, 1881, and Mayzo, October 1, 1886.

Mr. Cromwell has 160 acres of land, well improved and in a fine state of cultivation. He and his family are members of the M. E. Church.

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ROBERT CROSIER was born in Harrison county, Indiana, July 25, 1842, and is the son of Adam and Sarah (Douglas) Crosier; the former a native of New York, born October 13, 1805, and a son of Robert Crosier, who was born in Northumberland, England, February 8, 1782; and he was the son of Adam Crosier, a native of England, who emigrated to America about the year 1800, and died in New York, within seven miles of Geneva, about 1828. His wife's maiden name was Isabel Renwick, and she died about 1858.

Robert Crosier married Eleanor Stokoe about 1804, and Adam Crosier, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the oldest

child of this union. He (Adam Crosier) moved to Indiana and settled on a farm in Boone township which was originally entered by Edward Stokoe in 1816.

He married Sarah D. Douglas, born in Westchester county, N. Y., August 1, 1806, and a daughter of Adam and Sarah Douglas, natives of England. To Adam and Sarah Douglas Crosier were born seven children, of whom Robert, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest but one. He was brought up on the farm and received a good practical education in the public schools of the county. He enlisted February 7, 1862, in Co. B, Fifty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged April 10, 1865, on account of expiration of his term of service. He returned to his home in Harrison county and resumed farming. January 17, 1867, he married Miss Martha E. Grass, a daughter of Ignatius and Elizabeth (Marsh) Grass, born November 19, 1846. They have three children, viz: Ida M., born October 29, 1867; Walter G., December 9, 1870, and Sidney W., June 24, 1883, all of whom are living. Mr. Crosier lives on the farm where he was born, and is an energetic and prosperous farmer and an excellent citizen.

JAMES CURRENT was born in Harrison county, April 4, 1822, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Applegate) Current, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Indiana in 1815. He settled on a farm and continued to farm until his death in 1851. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. She died in 1844. James, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. He was

married in 1846 to Miss Susan Deen, a daughter of Jeremiah G. and Catherine (Lopp) Deen; the former a native of Maryland, who came here when a young man, and the latter a native of Kentucky, who also came here in early life. They have but one child living, Jeremiah G. D. Current, who married Miss Adaline Haas, a daughter of Rev. Jacob Haas, of Harrison county. Mr. Current is a member of the United Brethren Church, and has been township trustee for four years.

He has a fine farm of 140 acres, lying one and a half miles north of Mauckport, highly improved and well cultivated. Mr. Current is a liberal-minded man, and a ready contributor to every enterprise calculated to promote the interest of his section of the county.

JACOB A. CURTS, farmer, of Scott township, is a native of the county, and was born in 1844. He is a son of Moses J. and Fannie (Cole) Curts, who were both born in Illinois. Jacob A.'s grandfather Curts was a soldier in the War of 1812. His father removed from Illinois to Harrison county previously to the civil war. When our subject was 18 years of age he enlisted in 81st Ind. Vol. Infantry, and served his country well, until he was honorably discharged in 1865, having enlisted for three years. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Nashville, Stone River, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Franklin, (Tenn.), and was at the surrender of Savannah and wounded at the battle of Stone River. Was captured at the battle of Chickamauga, but was soon retaken by his own men. In 1866 was married to Miss Lucinda Swartz, who was born in the county.

They have nine children: Minerva M., John D., Leonard L., Aguns M., Minnie E., Harvey Dudley, Jacob W. and Benson.

Mr. Curtis has a small farm of 127 acres, and is an enterprising and honorable citizen.

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WILLIAM DANIEL, M. D., was born in Crawford county, Ind., October 7, 1852, and is a son of Wm. S. Daniel and Sarah Catherine (Russell) Daniel, the former, a native of Floyd county, Ind., and the latter a native of Virginia.

They were married at New Albany, Ind., in 1851, and settled at Milltown, Ind., the same year. The mother died at Milltown, Ind., in the year 1871.

The father was a private in the regular army of the United States in early life, and entered the volunteer service as orderly sergeant of Co. G, 23d Indiana Infantry, in June, 1861, and was finally discharged as sergeant-major of the 144th Regt. Indiana Infantry, in the year 1865.

The subject of this sketch was reared at Milltown, Crawford county, Ind., and received the benefit of the common schools. He then took an academic course at Marengo Academy, Marengo, Ind., and commenced the study of medicine with Drs. Hon and Byrn, at Milltown, Ind. He graduated from the Louisville Medical College, of Louisville, Ky., on the 25th day of February, 1875. In March of the same year, he was elected house physician to Louisville City Hospital, upon competitive examination for the position, standing second in point of proficiency among four successful candidates. Having resigned the position, he entered general practice with Dr. H. S. Wolfe, at Corydon, Ind., in August, 1875, and remained with him until April, 1876, when he settled at Mill-

town, Ind. Remaining here one year, he removed to Marengo, Ind., at which place he remained until September 1, 1886, when he again located at Corydon, Harrison county, Ind., where he now resides and enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

He received the "*Ad eundem*" Degree of the Hospital College of Medicine, of Louisville, Ky., in the year 1886.

In 1875, March 18, he was married to Miss Frederica Martin, daughter of Fred-eric Martin, at Milltown, Ind., at that time the home of her parents, who now reside in Harrison county, Ind.

They have four children.

The Doctor is secretary of the Harrison County Medical Society and of the Harrison County Board of Health.

He is a man well read and intelligent, a careful and painstaking physician, and is deservedly popular in his community.

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ROBERT F. DAVIS, JR., Harrison county, trustee of Spencer township, farmer and auctioneer, was born April 16, 1852. His father and mother, George W. and Rebecca (Haas) Davis, were respectively born in Kentucky and Virginia. His father was born in 1823, and with his father moved to Harrison county in his youth. Robert F.'s maternal grandfather, Jacob Haas, a Virginian by birth, settled in the county, also. George W. Davis, who is one of the substantial farmers of the county, served as county commissioner from 1872 to 1875. Robert F. Davis was brought up on a farm, receiving his education in the county schools, and was married October 5, 1873, to Miss Henrietta, daughter of Preston H. and Elizabeth Taylor (*nee* Dobson), who were born in Kentucky and for

many years resided in Harrison county. They have living two children: Daniel R. and Floyd L., aged respectively thirteen and eight years. Mr. Davis owns a farm of 100 acres of well improved land in Hickman Valley. Was elected trustee of the township in 1886 by his party, the Democrats, and in 1888 was re-elected, and has so managed the affairs of his township that bespeaks well of his business qualifications. As an auctioneer Mr. Davis is very successful and few in the county better.

SAMUEL B. DAVIS was born in Harrison county, Ind., August 5, 1826, and is the son of John and Mary M. (Bell) Davis; the former was born in Kentucky, on the Big Sandy river, March 25, 1803; the latter was also born in Kentucky, and was a daughter of Samuel Bell, who came to Kentucky from Pennsylvania, where he remained for some years, and then removed to Indiana among the earliest settlers. Samuel B., the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools until nine years of age, and what knowledge he received after that was by his own efforts, unassisted by anyone. At the age of 22 years he commenced flat-boating to New Orleans and other Southern markets, transporting produce and lime—the latter principally from Harrison county.

He was married in 1850, to Miss Mary J. Breeden, a native of Harrison county, and a daughter of Bryant Breeden. They have ten children, seven of whom are living, viz: Mary E., Lafayette, Minerva, Elva Ann, Ida, Ira and Ella. Mrs. Davis died in 1876.

Mr. Davis has held several township and county offices: township assessor, justice

of the peace for six years, and six years as county commissioner. During his service in the last named office, the county jail was built and likewise the first iron bridge in the county. He owns 713 acres of valuable land, and is one of the county's prosperous farmers and exemplary citizens.

THADDEUS DOBBINS was born in Green county, Ky., May 17, 1845, and is a son of Charles G. and Catherine (Graham) Dobbins, natives of Kentucky; the former moved to Harrison county in 1858-59, where the remainder of his life was spent. His wife's parents came from Germany. When the war broke out he enlisted in Co. M, Third Indiana Cavalry, in which he served until in October, 1863, when he was discharged for disability. He afterward re-enlisted in Co. C, Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, and served until the close of the war—his final discharge being dated August 10, 1865.

There were born to Charles G. and Catherine Dobbins thirteen children. Thaddeus, the subject, was reared on his father's farm, and when the war came on, though but a youth, enlisted February 25, 1864, in Co. C, Eighty-first Indiana Infantry, and was discharged August 10, 1865. He participated in the following battles and skirmishes: Resacca, Woodland, Kingston, Connersville, Russell Factory, Blackjack Mountain, Buckhead, Cross Keys, Seige of Atlanta, Jonesboro, and accompanied General Sherman in his march to the sea. He has many relics of his honorable services, among them his badge as color-bearer, regimental badge, rank and file badge, etc., showing his different grades of service. After the war he twisted



his arms into agricultural implements, and engaged in farming. He was married November 2, 1865, to Miss Catherine Alburn, a daughter of George and Barbara (Dietrich) Alburn, natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins have had eight children, born as follows: Laura, October 28, 1866; Dora A., November 25, 1867; Elizabeth H., December 16, 1869; Maud M., October 27, 1872; Charles B., February 21, 1875; Fanny B., June 23, 1877; Robert W., April 13, 1881; Nelly E., June 14, 1883; all of whom are living, except Elizabeth, who died August 12, 1874, when five years old.

JACOB DOLL, one of the prominent farmers of Harrison county, is a native of Shenandoah county, Va. He was born in April, 1817. In the same year his parents moved to this county. He grew up on the farm and attended the subscription schools taught in that day. The county then was a little better than a wilderness, and school advantages, as well as many other advantages, were very meager. He married Miss Amanda Smith in 1841, a daughter of Thomas Smith, a prominent farmer of Harrison county and a Virginian by birth, coming to the county the same year of Mr. Doll's family, 1817. The children born to this marriage, living, are: Agnus N., Lavina and Melvina, the two last names being twins. Agnus N. was the wife of Joshua Sonner, deceased, of Harrison county; Lavina, wife of John Ham, farmer of Harrison county; Melvina is the wife of Albert Rosenbarger, also a farmer of the county. The parents of the subject of this sketch were Jacob and Rebecca Doll (*nee* Blind); both were

born in Shenandoah county, Va. Jacob Doll, Sr., was born in 1781; he died in 1851. Frederick and Mary were the other children born; Frederick is now a large farmer in Cass county, Mo; Mary was the wife of Thomas Gwartney, deceased.

Mr. Doll owns a farm of 220 acres of fine land. It is situate on the Valley City road, six miles from Corydon. He is a member of the M. E. Church and an exemplary citizen.

EDWARD B. DOUGLAS was born in Boone township, Harrison county, October 27, 1842, and is a son of Yarrow and Mary (Fowler) Douglas, the former a native of Indiana, born July 6, 1811, and a son of Dr. Adam Douglas, a native of Scotland and a descendant of the great Douglas family of Scotland; the latter born May 28, 1813, and a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bashears) Fowler, natives of Tennessee and early settlers in Indiana. Yarrow Douglas was the youngest of six children born to Dr. Adam Douglas. He was a miller, and, though beyond the age required for a soldier, enlisted in the late war, and was killed in the battle of Hatchie River, October 15, 1862. Four of his sons also served in the late war. Edward B., the subject of this sketch, enlisted March 10, 1863, in Co. B, 3d Ind. Cavalry, and was afterward transferred to Co. A. He was discharged April 10, 1865, by reason of disability on surgeon's certificate, having been severely wounded in battle—was shot through the left lung and also through the left arm, and rendered a cripple for life. After being discharged from the army he came home, and has since made his home with his mother, who was made a widow by the same means that made him a cripple.

They both draw a pension from the Government, through which they live comfortably and respected among their neighbors and friends.

WILLIAM DYER was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, ten miles north of Cincinnati, March 22, 1814, and is a son of James and Rachel Dyer, who emigrated from Ohio to Indiana in 1832, settling in Clark county. After the family arrived in Indiana, William, the subject, was apprenticed to John Kidwell to learn the cooper's trade. He was married August 11, 1838, to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, and on the 11th of August, 1888, they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Dyer enlisted June 1, 1862, and was discharged March 28, 1864, on account of disability.

He was in Co. H, 28th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and saw hard service as long as able to keep up. He was a drummer boy in enlisting volunteers for the Mexican war for Gen. Joseph Lane. James Dyer, William's father, was born in Delaware, and was a captain in the War of 1882, serving in the same regiment of which Richard M. Johnson was the colonel. Cabb Dyer, subject's grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and served under Gen. Washington. Elizabeth Johnson Dyer was the daughter of John and Margaret Johnson, and was born in Marietta, Ohio, August 7, 1820. Her father was a very eminent physician of his day. In childhood he was captured by the Indians and held a prisoner for seven years, and finally made his escape. To Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have been born eight children. Mr. Dyer and his ver-

able wife are living quietly and peacefully together, waiting for the summons to their Heavenly Home. He is a prominent Mason and served as master of his lodge several times.

NOAH ELBERT was born in Germany, November 24, 1838, and is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Modine) Elbert. They emigrated to America about 1840, settling in Louisville, Ky., where he died in 1842. They had ten children of whom Noah was the fifth. He was reared in Louisville, and was apprenticed to the stone-cutting business, with a man named David Nevins, and after serving out his full term as an apprentice he did journeyman's work until the commencement of the civil war, when he entered the Union army, enlisting in Co. A, Fifteenth Kentucky Vol. Infantry, and was sworn into the State service, November 11, 1861, and into the United States service, December 14, 1861. After a long and hard service for his adopted country, he was discharged January 14, 1865, and returned to Louisville, where he was married, February 14, 1865, to Miss Barbara E. Bosemer, born May 25, 1843, and a daughter of Valentine and Catherine Bosemer, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to America and settled in Louisville about 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Elbert have had eight children as follows: Joseph V. born May 20, 1866; Elizabeth C., March 25, 1868; William H., September 8, 1870; Theodore F., June 26, 1872; Maggie L., September 25, 1875; Agnes M., May 13, 1878; Henry B., August 28, 1882, and Lorena, September 8, 1886.

Mr. Elbert removed from Louisville, Ky., to Indiana, and settled in Harrison county, where, in partnership with his brothers, he bought a saw-mill. He afterward bought

his brother's interest and is now sole owner, and has in connection with mill a large stove and lathe factory; also carries on a cooper shop in Brandenburg, Ky. In addition to all this he owns 645 acres of fine land, and is one of the prosperous and highly esteemed citizens of the county.

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WILLIAM J. ELLIS, a native of Harrison county, was born January 7, 1841, and is the son of Samuel and Emily (Ludlow) Ellis; the former born January 2, 1810, and died in Harrison county, in 1845; Samuel Ellis was the son of William Ellis, and was a successful farmer, liberally educated, and a valuable citizen. The latter (his wife) was a daughter of James and Rhoda Ludlow. William J., the subject of this sketch, was the third in a family of five children. He was brought up on a farm in Boone township, this county, and received the best education afforded by the common schools of his county. He enlisted February 24, 1862, in Co. D, Fifty-third Indiana Volunteer

Infantry. He re-enlisted in the Veteran service February 24, 1864, and was mustered out of the United States service July 21, 1865. He took part in all the hard service of his regiment, was in most of the battles, and followed its banners in all of its marches, which amounted in the aggregate to about 7,500 miles. He was with it in the following battles; Siege of Corinth, battle of Hatchie River, Siege of Vicksburg, battle of Jackson, Miss., Harrison, La., Meridian, Miss., Peach Tree Creek, Siege of Atlanta, battle of Savannah, Orangeburg, Braxton Bridge, Columbia, S. C., Bentonville and Raleigh, N. C., etc. The colonel of this regiment was Walter Q. Gresham. When peace was made, Mr. Ellis returned home and resumed the plow, which he had abandoned for the "tented field." He was married, June 29, 1865, to Sarah C. Evans, born in this county, December 28, 1840, and a daughter of Richard and Mahala (Brown) Evans. To them were born three children, as follows: Isaac J., June 7, 1866; Benjamin W., February 2, 1871; Edna M., May 23, 1876. Mr. Ellis owns a farm of 116 acres of well improved land.

CAPT. JOSHUA P. FARNSLEY was born in Harrison county, two and one-half miles southeast of Lanesville, August 21, 1820, and is the third son of Joshua and Barbara (Stowers) Farnsley, natives of Kentucky and Virginia. The former was born at Bullitt's Station, a prominent place in the early settlement of Kentucky.

His grandfather, James Farnsley, was from Fort Duquesne, and once owned "Braddock's Field." He left there about 1770 and came to the Territory of Indiana, before Virginia ceded the Northwest Territory to the United States, and bought a township of land near Terre Haute.

He left Pennsylvania, to occupy the same. The Indians were becoming troublesome on the west side of the Ohio; he resolved to stop at Louisville, Ky., then known as Bullitt's Station, and bought 160 acres of land, four and one-half miles from the present city limits, for nine shillings. He died on said land. The Farnsleys are of English origin; the great-grandmother of the subject was on the second ship that landed at Plymouth Rock—her name was Wright.

Joshua Farnsley, subject's father, came to Harrison county in 1811, and received patents for a great deal of land—owned some three thousand acres. When he first settled in the county, he established the first tanyard and the first hat manufactory in the county, and various other enterprises, among which was a blacksmithing establishment, a distillery, and was without doubt one of the most progressive and enterprising of pioneers. He died in 1869, and was about 80 years of age.

Joshua P., the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, in the mill, tanyard, and shops, and was, as he termed it, "Jack of all trades;" being a tanner he often sold sheepskin for to make ladies'

calf, as there was no Yankee shoemakers; they did not know the difference. His early education was limited—he says he got as far as the "rule of three." He has made a grand success in life, all through his own strong will and natural "old horse sense."

He has been a close student, has read much, observed closely, and has become a ripe scholar, and well versed in history, politics, theology, etc.

He was married February 6, 1846, to Miss Abigail Newman, a daughter of Caleb and Martha (Hancock) Newman, natives of Pennsylvania and North Carolina, who settled in Grassy Valley, Harrison county, Ind., in 1807.

In 1847 Capt. Farnsley was elected to the Lower House of the Legislature, and as a member of the Committee on Corporations. Although young, he took an active part, and introduced many bills. He was re-elected in 1852, and was chairman of the Committee on Agriculture. He has been a school director, and was prominent in developing the school interest, in which he takes an especial pride.

He has but one child living, Franklin R., born November 21, 1852.

He has bought a great deal of produce in the immediate neighborhood, and shipped to New Orleans and other Southern cities. In 1867 he built the "Red Rover" steamer, which he run for two years, and which cost \$11,500.

His son is first pilot of the steamer "Grand Republic," which carries the largest cotton cargoes of any steamer in the United States, from Memphis to New Orleans. He carries captain's license and has command over several boats. In 1841 subject traded so extensively on the Mississippi and tributaries, he could talk French and Spanish almost as fluently as English.



*Joshua P Farnsley*



He owns about 700 acres of very valuable land. He is a Democrat in politics and a free-trader. He was a delegate to National Democratic Convention at Cincinnati, in 1856, that nominated James Buchanan for the Presidency. Since he has devoted his time to agriculture, horticulture and pomology; he is an enthusiast in the culture of pears, and is at the present time planting an extensive orchard in Jackson's purchase, where he owns 400 acres of valuable land, near Paducah, where he expects to ultimately make his home in peace with God and good-will with man.

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 LOCUST POINT, Harrison County, Ind.,  
 February 20, 1889.

*Publishers of the Souvenir:*

Being an intimate acquaintance of Capt. Joshua P. Farnsley since he left the highlands and cast his lot on the Ohio river in the year 1837, I wish to bear testimony of his worth as a citizen.

He located on a small lot of land eight miles below New Albany, in the lower corner of Floyd county (50 acres). He was host, cook and hustler for nine years; drove oxen; farmed all lands when cleared, plowing some with his oxen; in summer sold wood to steamboats.

In winter traded South, carrying potatoes, cabbage, kraut and such articles as he could buy, making two trips between October and last of March for nine years. Then he married the youngest daughter of Caleb Newman, a very prosperous and respectable farmer of the neighborhood. Captain Farnsley has commanded the love and respect of his neighbors always. Kind, liberal and generous to a fault, aiding the indigent, the widow and orphan, never losing an opportunity of contributions to their

happiness. He organized a Sabbath-school in his vicinity, where such had never been dreamed of before, and where two to three saloons were the fixed institutions of the locality, and where drunkenness, gambling, fighting and manslaughter were the order of the Sabbath pastimes. But lo, the change! where once the saloon, now the church and Sabbath-school flourish; the change is due to the enviable position and the bold stand for purification taken by Capt. J. P. Farnsley; he spent more money for the good of others than for his own family. In religion he is a Free Thinker; he takes no stock in professions—practice, to him, reveals the true worth of man. He is enjoying ripe age, beloved by all good people. Please add this note to the sketch of his life in your "Souvenir," and oblige one who desires to bear testimony to true worth.

J. S. A.

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 ISAAC FERREE was born January 18, 1841, and is a son of James C. and Elizabeth (Swasick) Ferree. The former was born in Louisiana about 1808; was reared on a farm, receiving a limited education; the latter was a daughter of Richard and Charity Swasick, natives of Pennsylvania. James C. died in Harrison county, February 28, 1873, and his wife died January 5, 1884. Isaac, the subject of this sketch, was brought up on a farm and received a common-school education. He enlisted in Co. F, Twenty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, July 10, 1861, and was discharged on account of expiration of term of service July 14, 1864, when he returned, and resumed farming.

He was married November 6, 1867, to Miss Sarah P. Rusk, the daughter of Robert, a native of Virginia, and Eliza Rusk, a native of Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferree have had two children, viz: Charles E., born August 31, 1868, and Clarence C., born August 5, 1870, and died September 22, 1871.

ANDREW FIFE was born in Louisville, Ky., August 29, 1841, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Wright) Fife; the former a native of Indiana, and the latter of Germany, but came to America with her parents when quite young—she died in 1885, at an advanced age. The elder Fife, though a farmer, was also a river man and followed steamboating at intervals, and while his children were yet small he died suddenly of cholera. He married Elizabeth Wright, and to them were born three children, of which Andrew, the subject, was eldest. He (Andrew), after the death of his father, secured a home with his uncle, Henry C. Wright, where he continued to reside until he was grown, and thus was reared on a farm, receiving such education as the times afforded. When the war broke out he entered the service of the Government, and first was employed as a teamster. After following this branch of the service nearly a year, he returned home and enlisted in the 49th Regiment (3d Indiana Cavalry), Co. M, March 23, 1862, and was discharged July 25, 1865, at the expiration of his term of service. Among the engagements he was in were: Greenville, Tenn., Chickamauga, Macon, Ga., Marietta, Louisville, Ga., Savannah, Goldsboro, N. C., and went with Sherman in his "March to the Sea;" was one of Sherman's escort at the surrender of Col. Joe Johnson. After the close of the war he returned to his home in Harrison coun-

ty, and resumed the plow. He was married October 22, 1867, to Miss Elizabeth Brower, a daughter of Solomon Brower, formerly of Hamilton county, Ohio, and was born December 6, 1846. To Mr. and Mrs. Fife were born eight children, as follows: Stella, April 3, 1869; Annie, January 27, 1871; William J., November 15, 1873; Charles, December 22, 1876; Perry, January 13, 1880; Alice, March 20, 1882; John, April 23, 1884, and Alvey, January 4, 1888. Annie died April 12, 1871, and William J. died December 31, 1873. Mr. Fife is a well respected citizen and a thorough and prosperous farmer.

ABRAHAM FLESHMAN, a prominent farmer of Washington township, Harrison county, Ind. was born September 19, 1825, and is a son of Ephraim and Rosanna (Sonner) Fleshman, natives of Virginia. The former emigrated to Kentucky in 1804, where he lived two years, then removed to Harrison county, where the remainder of his life was spent. He raised a family of five children, of which Abraham, the subject, was the third. In 1850 Mr. Fleshman was married to Miss Mary Jane Burford, a native of Indiana. They have had six children, viz: George W., Lyman S., Simon E., Arthur C., Charles L. and Aquilla D. George W. and Simon E. are dead; Lyman S. is a merchant at Mauckport; Arthur C. is a teacher; Charles L. is attending school at Lebanon, and Aquilla is at home on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleshman are consistent members of the Methodist Church at Mauckport.



HENRY CLAY FOUTS, M. D., was born at Bradford, Harrison county, Ind., October 21, 1843. After attaining a good common-school education, in 1864 he began the study of medicine under Dr. Joseph Ellis, of Bradford. He attended his first course of medical lectures at the Miami College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated from the medical department of the University of Louisville, March 4, 1870.

In the following year begun the practice in Orange county, Ind., and a year later removed to Lanesville where he has succeeded in building up a very fine practice.

He has been twice married; in 1865, October 8, to Miss Lizzie Ellis, daughter of Dr. John Ellis, of Hardinsburg, Washington county, Ind. Her death occurred in 1881, leaving him three children: Carrie M., Charles V. and Iola E. His second wife, Miss Ella Cravens, to whom he was married June 12, 1887, is a daughter of James A. Cravens, a prominent farmer and an ex-Congressman residing near Hardinsburg.

Dr. Fouts' father was David Fouts, a North Carolinian by birth, and came to Harrison county in 1816. He was born in 1803 and died in 1883. His mother was a Miss Belinda Burns. His farm of 225 acres, near Hardinsburg, is fine and well improved land.

HARVEY FRAKES was born in this county January 27, 1824, and is a son of Conrad and Margaret (Prestland) Frakes, natives of Indiana and Kentucky respectively; the former died here in 1836, and his widow in 1863. Harvey Frakes, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, was the youngest of nine children born to

his parents. His early life was spent on the farm, and he attended the schools of the neighborhood. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to John Frakes, his elder brother, to learn the cooper's trade. He served out his time and followed the business, together with farming, until reaching manhood, when on the 23d of August, 1849, he was married to Miss Ella Lemmon, a daughter of Elias and Mary (Fando) Lemmon, the former an Indianian and the latter a Kentuckian. Elias Lemmon followed flatboating a good deal, and in December, 1847, he fell from a flatboat below Baton Rouge, La., and was drowned. His widow died in April, 1863. In December, 1861, Harvey Frakes enlisted in Co. K, Fifty-ninth Volunteer Infantry. He veteranized in 1863, and served until the close of the war, being discharged July 17, 1865. He then returned home and resumed farming. Mr. and Mrs. Frakes have had ten children, as follows: Mary S., Martha E., Sarah C., Emma L., Ralph E., Anna B., Ola M., Ada L., Sue K. and Otto M., all of whom are living.

JOHN A. FRAVEL was born in this (Harrison) county March 13, 1824, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Weaver) Fravel, both natives of Virginia, and from Shenandoah county. They came to Indiana and settled in Harrison county in the latter part of 1824, when subject was but an infant. The elder Fravel was a blacksmith by trade, and carried on a shop here for years, and also followed farming to some extent.

John A., the subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools, which were then not nearly

so thorough as they are now. He was married June 26, 1856, to Rebecca Duley, a daughter of John and Rebecca Duley, natives of Kentucky. They have had seven children, viz: Mary E., William E., John Henry, Charles E., Cora E., James W. and Nora A. The three eldest Mary, William and John, are married. Mr. Fravel owns 160 acres of well improved land.

He raises considerable stock and also devotes some attention to stock-raising. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

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JOHN L. FRANK, a farmer and fruit grower of Washington township, was born in Harrison county, Aug. 14, 1827, and is a son of George and Catherine (Hardsaw) Frank, and is a grandson of Martin Frank, one of the prominent pioneers of the county, coming in 1812 from Rowan county, North Carolina, where he was born. His maternal grandfather, John Hardsaw, was a native of the same county in North Carolina, and came to this county in 1809, locating on a farm in Washington township, where he continued to farm till his death in 1858. George Frank was born in North Carolina, was a hatter by trade, but soon gave up work at his trade after coming to the county, choosing farming as an occupation, and continued up to his death in 1854. He reared a family of eleven children. Julia A., Eliza, Wm. T., Catherine and Ambrose are deceased. Ambrose was surgeon in 66th Indiana Vols., and was killed before Atlanta August 11, 1864. John L., Andrew J., Martin and George W. are the living children. John L. Frank was married to Margaret Brandenburg, a daughter of David Brandenburg, a member of a prominent Kentucky family, and settled in Harrison county from that State many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank have had born to them fifteen children, of whom ten are living: J. C. (a lawyer at York, Neb.), Belle, Charles F. (lawyer at Hollyoke, Cal.), Abraham L., Wallace, Anna, Hannah, Catherine, Jno. L. and Amanda G.

Mr. Frank has held the office of township assessor for two terms. He was a member in the original organization of the school board, and served as clerk in that body for two consecutive terms, and for the congressional district organization he also served two years. From 1865 to 1869, Mr. Frank held the office of township trustee. He is a member of I. O. O. F., No. 629 Lodge New Amsterdam, and is a member of Knights of Honor Lodge No. 506, at New Amsterdam, and is member of the M. E. Church. A Republican in politics. His farm contains 160 acres 60 acres of which being in a fruit orchard

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COL. GEORGE W. FRIEDLEY, Attorney for Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad, was born in Harrison county, Indiana, on January 1, 1840. He was a son of John M. and Sophia (Thestund) Friedley. His father was a farmer, of German descent, and emigrated from Kentucky to Indiana in 1816. George W. Friedley received his early education in the ordinary schools of Harrison county, and afterward at the Hartsville University, from which he graduated at the age of twenty, after taking a full scientific course. On leaving the University he commenced reading law with Judge John R. Morrledge, of Clorinda, Iowa. After studying two years, the war breaking out, he entered the army as a private in Co. K, 4th Iowa Infantry. He was immediately elected first lieutenant

and served one year, when he was compelled to resign on account of ill health, returning to Indiana. In May, 1862, his health having considerably improved, he entered the 67th Indiana Infantry, was elected captain of Co. I of that regiment, and from that time was actively engaged until the close of the war, serving with distinction throughout. During the forty-seven days' siege at Vicksburg he served on the staff of Gen. Burbridge of Kentucky. After the fall of Vicksburg he was at the capture of Jackson. The Thirtieth Army Corps, to which he belonged, was then transferred to the Army of the Gulf. At the close of the Vicksburg campaign the colonel of the regiment was mustered out on account of absence, and Capt. Friedley, although the youngest captain in the regiment, was elected in his place. The colonel afterward returning, however, was reinstated. He was then on the Gulf, in the Red River campaign, at the siege and capture of Fort Gaines and Fort Blakely, the last pitched battle of the war, April 9, 1865; a consequence of the fall was the capture of Mobile. He then, with the regiment, marched to Texas, and was mustered out at the close of the war, in August following. He returned to Indiana in the fall, and settled at Bedford in the practice of law, where he remained up to 1884, when he was appointed to his present important position, and has since resided at Lafayette, Ind., and has since

given his entire time to the road. Col. Freidley was noted as one of the most celebrated commercial lawyers in Indiana. In 1870 he was elected to the lower house of the Legislature and served on the Judiciary Committee of the House during that session. With others, he induced thirty-four members to resign, thereby frustrating a measure brought by the Democratic party to defeat Governor Morton. In 1872 he was elected to the Senate, over Judge Frank Wilson, deceased, for Monroe and Lawrence counties, designated "the University District." At the special sessions of the Legislature convened in the November following, there being a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, he was elected President of the Senate. He served through a term of four years as Senator. In the campaign of 1876 he was chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and in 1880 delegate at large at the Chicago Convention. In politics he was an ardent Republican. In person he presented an imposing appearance, being six feet three inches in height and well built and proportioned. He was a ready speaker. He was married January 16, 1867, to Miss Edith M. Kelly, daughter of one of the oldest and most prominent merchants of Bedford. They had four daughters. Such is the history of one of Indiana's truly representative men. His death occurred at Bloomington, Ind., in February, 1889.

MAJOR WETHERFORD FUNK is a son of Reuben and Lucinda (Spencer) Funk, and was born October 29, 1849. His father was of German descent, was a farmer by occupation, a man of sterling traits of character and moral worth, always taking advanced ground upon questions of agricultural pursuits and educational questions, was of the old Virginia stock, his parents having emigrated from that State directly to Indiana in its early history.

His mother, Lucinda Spencer, was of English descent, and daughter of James Spencer, Esq., who was prominent in the political history of his county and State, and was a leading farmer of his time.

The subject of this sketch, Hon. M. W. Funk, was reared upon the old homestead in Crawford county, Ind., and spent his early life upon the farm, and engaged in agricultural pursuits and attending the common schools of his native county until, at the age of 17, he began to teach in the common schools. But early in life such taste was displayed for literary pursuits, that at the age of 18 he quit the farm and used the means procured as teacher to defray the necessary expenses of a collegiate education, and at once entered the State University at Bloomington, and completed in that institution the Select Literary Course and graduated from the Law Department, with honor and distinction, in the year 1875. In debt for part of the money spent in his education, but not discouraged, young Funk was, immediately after graduating, admitted to the bar at Corydon, Ind., and earnestly entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, that of the Law. By hard work and close application he rose rapidly into public favor and distinction at the bar, until, in 1882, he was nominated by the Democratic party, on sharp competition, for Prosecuting Attorney of the Third Judi-

cial Circuit of Indiana, and was elected to that office by a handsome majority, and nominated and re-elected in 1884.

In this office Mr. Funk found a fine field in which to display the gift of oratory and natural and acquired ability as a lawyer that he is so well known to possess; often times in the important criminal cases of that period being pitted alone against the ablest advocates of the district and State, but always fearless in the discharge of his official duty, able in debate, resolute and courageous in action, has been unusually successful in the prosecution of criminals. And when he retired from that office in 1886, he had won for himself a reputation as a lawyer that placed him at once at the head of the profession in the district and State, and now holds a high place in the esteem and confidence of all good people.

Mr. Funk is now a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Indiana and the United States District Court, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice in his own and other district courts of Southern Indiana, and Louisville, Ky.

Until after the election of 1876, Mr. Funk was in politics a Republican; but, what he terms, the Presidential steal of that year caused him to change his politics, and is now and has been since that year prominent in Democrat councils, always taking an active part in the canvass upon the stump. His name is now the only one prominently mentioned for Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit of Indiana, as the successor of Hon. Wm. T. Zenor.

His eminent and admirable qualifications and fitness for this high and honorable position, as well as the fact that he will be nominated and elected, is now generally conceded.

He was married on the 18th of June, 1876, to Miss Annice C. Wyman, of Mar-



Mayor W. Frank



tinsburg, Washington county, Ind., a lady of rare attainments and social worth.

They, with their daughter Fannie, aged 10 years, own and occupy the most elegant and newly furnished residence in the beautiful little town of Corydon, their adopted home.

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DR. ZACHARY T. FUNK, born June 29, 1847, in Crawford county, Ind. His parents, Reuben and Lucinda Spencer Funk, were also natives of Crawford county, the father being a farmer. The family was originally from Virginia, migrated from that State to Kentucky, thence to Indiana.

Dr. Z. T. Funk, after receiving a common-school education in the neighborhood in which he was born and reared, attended the State University to junior year, and graduated from Ohio State Normal College, at Lebanon Ohio, Business College.

He studied medicine under Dr. Hazelwood, of Valene, Orange county, Ind., graduating from the Kentucky School of Medicine in 1876.

He began the practice of his profession in Dubois county. He removed to Georgetown, Floyd county, and from there to Harrison county, in 1877, practicing his profession at Elizabeth for ten years.

In November, 1886, he was elected treasurer of Harrison county, as a Republican, over Patrick Griffin, by 126 majority, and served in that capacity for two years.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F., highly esteemed for his abilities in the medical profession, very popular among the people, and a faithful, competent public official.

In 1877 Dr. Funk was united in mar-

riage to Miss Mary Summers, of Georgetown, Floyd county, Ind.

He was a member of Company F, Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry, during the war of the Rebellion, enlisting in 1864 and serving until the close of the war. He was in the battle of Kinston, N. C., and in a number of small engagements.

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JAMES R. FUNK, lawyer, was born in Crawford county, Ind., December 30, 1847, and is a son of John J. and Nancy (Spencer) Funk, the latter a daughter of James Spencer, of South Carolina, and a pioneer of Indiana. The subject's paternal grandfather, John Funk, was a Virginian, and settled in Crawford county, Ind., in a very early day. James R., the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm until 15 years old, when he enlisted in the Sixth Indiana Regiment, as a private. The regiment was known as the "Border Guards," and was out on duty some six months. Mr. Funk received a liberal education. After taking a commercial course at Lebanon, Ohio, he entered the State University, at Bloomington, where he spent two years, and one year in the law department, from which he graduated in 1876, in law. He began practice at once at Fredericksburg, Ind., where he remained about six years, then removed to Corydon and formed a copartnership with Mr. Major W. Funk. They have one of the finest and best furnished law offices in the State of Indiana, and have a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Funk was married in 1876, to Miss Ella House, of North Lewisburg, Ohio. They have four children. He is a member of the Masonic order, and a staunch member of the Republican party.

W. E. FUNKHOUSER, an influential farmer of Heath township, is a descendant of good old Virginian families. He was born in Harrison county April 7, 1850. His parents, David and Malinda Funkhouser (*nee* Wiseman), were both born in Harrison county, and the father of David Funkhouser was among the earliest settlers in the county, coming as early as 1815 from Virginia, and here combined farming and blacksmithing as his vocation which he continued till his death in 1829.

David Funkhouser was born in 1819; is one of the leading farmers of the county. He stands well as a citizen and is a leading member in the Christian Church. His maternal grandfather, William Wiseman, also a Virginian by birth, and located in the county about 1819; he was a leading farmer of his day and a consistent member of the M. E. Church. His death occurred in 1863.

Wm. E. Funkhouser was reared on the farm, educated in the schools of the county, and was married in 1881 to Miss Bessie, daughter of Thomas Frank, a prominent farmer of the county, a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Frank's death occurred in 1879. Of this marriage four children are living: Frank, Elmer, Belle and Rose.

Mr. Funkhouser's farm of 150 acres is located three miles northwest of Mauckport, where he resides. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and is also a member of the Knights of Honor.

E. A. GRABLE was born in Harrison county, Ind., July 10, 1834, and is a son of David Grable, who was born in Virginia in 1818, came to this county among the

earliest settlers. His mother, Patie French, was also a native of Virginia, and received but limited educational advantages. All the education David Grable received was at a little log school-house close to Corydon. The subject, E. A. Grable, was raised on a farm and has followed it all his life. He pays considerable attention to stock-raising, viz: horses, mules and hogs. He was married March 8, 1861, to Miss L. C. Peters, born and raised in the county, and a daughter of Frederick and Caroline Peters. They have three children living: Benjamin H., Joan H. and Ada L. Mr. Grable owns 170 acres of fine farming land which he has well improved; has a good residence and fine barn. He is an earnest Christian, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. He is an honest and enterprising citizen.

COL. BEN. Q. A. GRESHAM, a brother of Judge Walter Q. Gresham and a hero of two wars, was born on a farm near the village of Lanesville, Harrison county, Ind., September 21, 1826. He grew to manhood on the farm, and received a knowledge of the text books taught in the country schools of that day. In June, 1846, he enlisted in Co. I, of the Second Indiana Infantry, Mexican army, and was elected orderly of his company. He was discharged in June, 1847, having enlisted for one year. He fought with his regiment at the battle of Buena Vista. At the expiration of his service in the army he returned home and learned the millwright and carpenter business. In connection with his farming interest he continued in these callings until the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861. In July of that year, he joined Co. B,



3d Indiana Cavalry, as a private soldier. In the following month he was elected first lieutenant of his company. He arrived with his company at Washington City, September 3, 1861, and was immediately ordered to Virginia, thence to Maryland, and subsequently ordered to Mill Stone Landing on the Pulaski river, and while there was engaged in picket duty and scouting and was very successful in capturing military stores, cavalry horses, etc. At this point Col. Gresham was promoted to the captaincy of his company. He participated with his company in the battles of Antietam, Chancellorsville, and at the last battle he was severely wounded. After being restored to health he was transferred to the Cavalry Bureau and remained in that department during the winters of 1863 and 1864. Here, in the latter year, he received two promotions—Major and, later, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 10th Ind. Cavalry, and was assigned to duty at Pulaski, Tenn. He was engaged in all the battles of that section, and on the 17th of December, 1864, was again wounded near Franklin, Tenn. His final discharge from the army was at Cincinnati the day President Lincoln was assassinated. Such are the salient points in Col. Gresham's military career. He was married to Miss Sarah Harbison, of the county, in October, 1852, and they have six children: Lucy, Annie, Osear, Amy, Joyce and Jonathan W.

Col. Gresham is the son of William and Sarah (Davis) Gresham. His father, William Gresham was born in Kentucky, and removed to the county in 1806, and, while performing his duties as Sheriff of the county, was killed February 17, 1833. His maternal grandfather was an uncle of Jefferson Davis, ex-President of the Southern Confederacy. Col. Gresham has been unable for work since the war, from the

wounds he received. He is at present holding the office of Township Assessor of his township.

GEORGE K. GWARTNEY, editor of the *Corydon Democrat*, was born at Mauckport, Harrison county, Ind., July 7, 1855.

His parents, Robert and Mary Sherman, Gwartney, were both natives of Harrison county, Ind. Both his grandfathers, William Gwartney and Jacob Sherman, were Virginians and among the early settlers of Harrison county.

His father was engaged on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and is dead.

George K. Gwartney left home when but fifteen years old, and started out in the world to hew his own fortune, working for a time on a farm for \$10 a month. He was educated in the schools at Corydon, afterward taking a course at the Indiana University. To obtain an education and afterward enable himself to study law, he taught school in the winter and went to school in the summer.

He read law with Stockslager & Douglass, at Corydon, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. The same year he took charge of the *Corydon Democrat* with Hon. S. M. Stockslager (now Commissioner of the General Land Office), on his election to Congress, and soon after purchased the office. At the time of the purchase he had but \$50 in money and incurred a debt of \$1000; this debt he discharged by payments, and has his newspaper clear of encumbrance, and a good deal of valuable real and personal property besides.

Mr. Gwartney was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the Third Judicial District in November, 1887, and served in that office for two years.

His paper, the *Corydon Democrat*, is the oldest newspaper in Harrison county, and enjoys a large circulation and profitable patronage. It was founded in 1856 by Hon. Simon K. Wolfe, ex-member of Congress, and has always wielded a wide influence, both politically and in local affairs.

On May 10, 1883, Mr. Gwartney was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Wolfe, daughter of Dr. H. S. Wolfe, of New Albany, Ind. His wife died in 1885.

HENRY HAYS was born October 20, 1824, in Harrison county, and is a son of James and Maria (Faith) Hays; the former a native of England, and who came to the United States in 1803, locating in Pittsburgh, where he remained for five years; in 1808 came to Harrison county, locating on a farm, continuing the same to the end of his life, in 1851, at the age of 66 years.

His wife (mother of subject) was a native of Kentucky, and came to Indiana with her parents in 1808, when but eight years old. She was a daughter of Henry Faith, a carpenter and farmer.

Henry, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm and received a common-school education.

In 1846 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Beanblossom, a daughter of Philip and Frances (Love) Beanblossom. They have six children, four boys and two girls, viz: Philip B., Zack T., Henry C., Daniel W., Lucy J. and Anna C. Henry C. is married to Miss Stella Bean, of this county, and is a lawyer at Corydon; Daniel W. is married to Miss Mary J. Lopp, and is a practicing physician in Kansas. Mr. Hays was captain of Co. I, of the Sixth Indiana Legion, and was engaged actively with Gen.

Morgan when he made his raid through this State in 1863. His first lieutenant was killed in one of the skirmishes with the bold Confederate raider.

Capt. Hays, son of Philip, enlisted in the 144th Infantry, and served with it until it was mustered out. Capt. Hays has two farms in this county; the one on which he lives contains 270 acres of choice land and in a fine state of cultivation; the other has 134 acres. He is one of the most prosperous farmers, and is always foremost in everything calculated to promote the prosperity of the community in which he lives.

DENNIS HICKMAN was born in Floyd county, Ind., October 5, 1813, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Cicloff) Hickman; the former, a native of Virginia, emigrated to Indiana and settled in Floyd county in 1808, among the earliest settlers of the county; the latter, Elizabeth Cicloff Hickman, was born in North Carolina, and was a daughter of Philip Cicloff, who came to Indiana in 1817. Dennis Hickman, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, and received but a limited education in the schools of the time. He participated in the Morgan raid, when the rebel General Morgan essayed to capture the "Northern Confederacy," and crossed the Ohio river, at Brandenburg, Ky., for the purpose of "carrying the war into Africa." Mr. Hickman was with the gallant Home Guards that pursued the Confederate chieftain through Indiana and Ohio, and assisted in his final capture. He was married in 1840, to Miss Lucy Engleman, a daughter of Jacob Engleman, of Floyd county. They have eight children, viz: Levi, Ephraim, Eliphath, Mary Elizabeth,

Annie M., Martha A., Sallie C., and Jacob. Mr. Hickman has a fine farm of 400 acres of finely improved land, 150 of which is in cultivation. He is engaged extensively in stock-raising, and is a prosperous farmer and a worthy and exemplary citizen. Both he and his wife are earnest members of the Lutheran Church.

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PHILIP HICKMAN, a brother to Dennis Hickman above mentioned, is a son of James and Elizabeth (Cieloff) Hickman, and was born in Floyd county, May 29, 1817, natives of the "Old Dominion" and of North Carolina, and early emigrants to Indiana. The subject of this sketch, Philip Hickman, was brought up on the farm, with but limited educational advantages, the common school system then being in its infancy. He was married in 1840 to Miss Elizabeth Burkhardt, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Burkhardt, born and reared in Harrison county. They have five children—two at home and three married, and battling with the world for themselves. Mr. Hickman owns a fine farm of 267 acres, highly improved, 200 acres of which is under cultivation. He makes a specialty of stock-raising, viz: horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. He is an excellent farmer and upright and honorable man and a prosperous citizen.

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WARFORD HICKMAN was born in Floyd county, June 29, 1820, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Cieloff) Hickman. He is a brother of Dennis and Philip Hickman, whose sketches see for further ancestral history. Mr. Hickman, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, and,

like his brothers, received but limited educational advantages. He was married in November, 1844, to Nancy Ross, a daughter of John Ross, of Floyd county, but a native of Virginia and a prominent farmer. They had nine children, as follows: Martin, Lavina, Phœbe, Andrew J., Preston, Mary A., Philip, Harvey and Ellen. Through fatal sickness in 1864, he lost wife and five children within a few weeks; another son died at his post of duty in the Union army, during the late civil war. He married a second time, in 1865, to Adaline Foster, a daughter of William and Dorcas Foster, born and raised in Harrison county. This union resulted in three children, viz: Albert C., Lydia E. and Joseph. His wife died, and he married again December 18, 1885, to Catherine Battles, a daughter of William Battles. She was born and reared in the county, as were her parents. Mr. Hickman owns a valuable farm of 200 acres of land. It is well improved, and in an excellent state of cultivation. He raises stock, principally horses and cattle, and devotes some attention also to raising hogs.

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LEVI HICKMAN was born March 1, 1847, and is a son of Dennis and Lucy (Engleman) Hickman, whose sketch is given, and which see for family history. He was brought up on his father's farm, and received a common-school education. He was a member of Home Guards, and took part in the pursuit and capture of the rebel Gen. John Morgan when he made his raid into Indiana and Ohio during the late war. In 1879, he was married to Miss Cornelia Davis, a daughter of Thomas and Lavina Davis; the former was born in Kentucky, March 1808, and in 1816, came to this county; the latter, Lavina Davis,

was born in Harrison county, Ind., February 11, 1819. Mr. and Mrs. Hickman have two children, viz: Ethel E. and Guy R., aged respectively nine and five years. Mr. Hickman owns a farm of 160 acres of good land, which he has well improved, and has it under an excellent state of cultivation. He pays considerable attention to raising fine stock.

The Hickman farms are among the very finest in Harrison county and the Hickman brothers are among the most prosperous and successful farmers in the county.

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CHARLES L. HILDEBRAND was born in York county, Pa., January 30, 1831, and is a son of John and Emily (Schultz) Hildebrand, natives of Pennsylvania and of German origin. The former came to New Albany in 1837, and soon after removed to Lanesville where he spent the remainder of his life. Charles L., the subject, was reared in Lanesville and educated in the common schools. For forty years he has been engaged in the milling business—flour mill and saw mill. He owns the Elizabeth Mills, which have a capacity of from sixty to seventy barrels of flour a day. The building is 40x60 feet, and three stories high. It was fitted up at an expense of about \$17,000. Mr. Hildebrand was married in 1853 to Miss Sarah Hand, of Floyd county, Ind. They have seven children living and three dead. He owns several farms in the county. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Honor. He is a pushing, energetic and prosperous business man and a prominent and influential citizen.

GEORGE HILT, a farmer, was born in Germany, June, 20, 1813. He is a son of John and Kate Hilt, they both being Germans. Before emigrating to this country George served a term of six years in the German army, with great credit. In 1845 he landed in America, and after a few months he settled in Harrison county, Ind. He received a limited education and is now considered one of the most reliable farmers in that locality. In the year 1837 he was married to Lizzie Keller, who is also of German parentage. Unto them were born six children: Henry, William, Kate, Mary, John and Lewis. Mr. Hilt owns a large farm of 227 acres, and raises some of the finest stock in the State. He is a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church.

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WALDO HISEY, liveryman, and one of the progressive young men of Corydon, is a son of William and Susan (Ogle) Hisey, both born in Harrison county. William Hisey was born in 1818, and died in 1884; was twice elected treasurer of the county previous to the war. His father was a Virginian by birth, and was among the first settlers in the county. Waldo Hisey's maternal grandparents emigrated to the county from Pennsylvania, and were also among the first settlers. Waldo Hisey was born in Harrison county May 28, 1860, and for some years was engaged at Corydon in the mercantile business. In 1888 he opened out in the livery business.

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JACOB S. HORNER, M. D., was born near Charlestown, Clark county, Ind., October 1, 1826, and is the son of John and

Margaret (Whitehead) Horner, the former a native of Miami county, O., whose father, Jacob Horner, came to Indiana in 1813, and located on the Blue river, twenty-three miles from New Albany, on the Vincennes Road. He kept a "house of entertainment" there at the crossing, and carried on farming extensively. Margaret Whitehead Horner's father, Arthur Whitehead, was a slave-holder in North Carolina, liberated his slaves and came to Indiana in 1813. Some of the slaves refused to be set free, and came to Indiana and remained with him as long as they lived. He located on the Blue river about six miles from the present town of Fredericksburg.

Jacob S., the subject of this sketch, attended the common schools until he was 18 years old, when he entered Asbury University at Greencastle, Ind., but left there while in the freshman's class on account of his father's death. He conducted the farm for three years, and then commenced reading medicine with Dr. John S. DuKate, who was then practicing medicine at Fredericksburg, but is now at Wheatland, Ind. In the winter of 1853-54, he attended a course of lectures at Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, Ky., after which he returned home and began practice at Lanesville in the spring of 1855. He continued there until the spring of 1863, when he was commissioned assistant surgeon of Fifty-third Ind. Vols. In March, 1865, he was promoted surgeon of the regiment, in which capacity he remained until he was mustered out of the service in July, 1865. He was with Sherman in his "march to the sea." After the close of the war he returned home and resumed practice, which has actively continued ever since. Dr. Horner was married in 1848 to Miss Nancy Sensency, of Palmyra, Ind. They have six children living, viz: Francis Asbury,

John W., Charles William, Jacob Walter, Agnes May and Eliza Jane. The eldest, Francis Asbury, is a graduate of the Asbury University, and is a practicing lawyer at Clay City, Ind. John W. attended the Asbury University and the State University until the end of his junior year, when he entered Yale College, graduating from the Divinity School in 1876. On his way home he visited the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, and during the fall following he took charge of three Congregational churches in Iowa. He remained in this work for three years, and was then called to Michigan, and a year later to Lake City, Minn. In the fall of 1887 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Conference of Illinois. Charles William attended the common schools and spent two years at the Bloomington State University. He then went to Dakota, where he took up a claim, paid for it in two years, returned to Indiana and married at Bloomington; farmed for three years near Bloomington. He now lives in Kansas. Walter W. attended the common schools, and spent three years as book-keeper in Minneapolis and New York City. Agnes May married Robert T. Benson, a farmer near Lanesville. Eliza Jane married Dr. Wm. H. Butler, of Columbus, Ind. Dr. Horner owns a very prolific fruit farm of thirty-seven acres. It is situated on a high place, where the fruit crop never fails.

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JAMES JENKINS was born in Hardin county, Ky., Dec. 31, 1839, and is the son of James A. and Susan (Irwine) Jenkins. They emigrated to Harrison county, Ind., where he died in 1880 and his wife in 1887. James Jenkins, whose name heads this sketch, was the second child of his father's

second marriage, and was reared on a farm and was educated in the common schools of his neighborhood.

He was married to Miss Mary Noon, April 8, 1860, a daughter of Calvin S. and Lauta (Clark) Noon. She had no children, and died May 13, 1881.

Mr. Jenkins enlisted in February, 1865, in Co. E, 144th Indiana Vol. Infantry, and was discharged in August, 1865. He lived in Brandenburg, Ky., five years after the war, where he followed his trade of coopering. He then went to Mississippi, and then to Arkansas. While there was appointed postmaster of Council Bend, but finally came back to Harrison county, as the best place after all.

GEORGE R. KELLEY was born May 19, 1830, and is a son of James and Laura (Johnson) Kelley, the former a native of Hardin county, Ky., and a son of Gideon Kelley, whose father was Zachariah Kelley, a native of Ireland. Laura Johnson Kelley was a daughter of Robert and Rachel Johnson, natives of Kentucky, and whose ancestors were from Virginia. The parents of George R. had nine children, of whom he was the eldest. He was brought by his parents to Indiana when but two years old. When he was sixteen they returned to Kentucky and he accompanied them, remaining two years; then he came back to Indiana. He was married August 29, 1852, to Catharine Mulkins, daughter of Norman and Elizabeth Mulkins, the former born in Kentucky about 1803, and the latter, whose maiden name was Miller, was a native of Indiana, but her parents were Pennsylvanians. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were born fourteen children, viz: Winfield S., January

17, 1853; Henry C., January 1, 1855; Emma, March 30, 1857 (died Sept. 8, 1870); Robert, February 1, 1859; Alonzo L., March 16, 1861 (died Feb. 15, 1867); Laura E., December 27, 1863; James G., October 15, 1865 (died January 5, 1869); Sarah F., February 16, 1867; Susanna, November 4, 1871 (died March 9, 1872); Mary M., January 28, 1873; Edna G., April 3, 1875; Walter Q., November 30, 1877; Carrie H., September 15, 1879, and Rose C., June 16, 1881. After his marriage Mr. Kelley settled in Harrison, and now resides in Taylor township of that county. He is a reputable farmer and a highly respected citizen. He enlisted in the Union army September 23, 1864, and was discharged April 10, 1865, on the surgeon's certificate of disability. The parents of subject, James and Laura Johnson Kelley, are but recently dead—the former died April 13, 1880, and the latter March 27, 1880, within little more than two weeks of each other.

CHRISTOPHER C. H. KERNS, commander of Ulrich Dahlgren Post, 470, G. A. R., was born in Russell county, Ky., July 3, 1840, and is a son of Isham and Louise (Hall) Kerns, the former a native of Kentucky. He was the son of Job Kerns, born in Germany about the year 1760, a Revolutionary soldier, who died in Russell county, Ky., at an advanced age. Isham Kerns was a skilled mechanic, a natural genius; he followed blacksmithing, was a good stone mason, and also a carpenter. He served in the late war, in the Twelfth Kentucky Regiment, was 58 years old when he enlisted, and drove an ambulance most of the time.

Christopher, whose name heads this sketch, was the second in the family of four children; three sons and the father served in the Federal army during the late war. Christopher enlisted in Kentucky, at the beginning of the war, and after serving some time was taken prisoner and paroled. He then came to Indiana and enlisted in the Fiftieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. C, on the 5th of September, 1864, in which he served until after the close of the war, being discharged July 12, 1865, at Montgomery, Ala. He was afterward taken prisoner at or near Dardenell, Ark., and held a prisoner about four and a half months; imprisoned first at New Washington, Ark., then at Shreveport, La., and afterward at Tyler, Tex. Was finally exchanged at the mouth of Red river. After the war he came to Harrison county, then to Gibson county, Ind., where he was married to Miss Elizabeth F. Huffman, September 17, 1865, who was born October 17, 1848. She was the daughter of Henry and Isabel (Reed) Huffman. They have had ten children, viz: Eliza E., Martha J., Engiba M., Anna B., Magnolia N., Sarah H., Uriel G., Octavia E., Samuel D. and Lydia L., three of whom are dead. Anna B. died August 8, 1870; Magnolia N. died December 29, 1873, and Lydia L. died May 3, 1885. Mr. Kerns has an excellent little farm of sixty acres in Boone township, this county, which he has highly improved. He is also a justice of the peace, the office of which he has filled with satisfaction to all.

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BARNETT KERKER was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1837, and was the son of Michael and Anna (Lope) Kerker, natives of Germany, who came to America when

children with their parents, and at maturity were married in Pennsylvania. To them were born seven children, of whom Barnett Kerker, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest. He was reared on a farm and received but a limited education. When the war broke out in 1861, he enlisted, in August of that year, in Co. G, of the Seventy-fourth regiment, but was discharged in September, 1862, on account of wounds received in the service. His first enlistment was in Co. A, Nineteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, for three months.

Mr. Kerker learned the trade of a glass blower, and made several trips down the river from Pittsburgh to Louisville and Jeffersonville, stopping at different towns, and engaged at his trade. He finally settled in Jeffersonville at the close of the war, but later came to Harrison county, where he has since resided. On the 8th of May, 1871, he was married to Miss Matilda Wisse, a Pennsylvanian. Four children were born of this marriage, viz: Anthon in 1872, John in 1874, Rose in 1876, and Edward in 1878. His wife died Feb. 28, 1882, and Oct. 13, 1884, he married Miss Lavina Coons, a native of this county. They have two children, born as follows: Alva, July 19, 1885, and Ida, May 10, 1887. Mr. Kerker emigrated to Harrison county in 1884, his first wife having died in Pennsylvania.

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JAMES M. KRON was born in Posey township, Harrison county, Ind., June 5, 1837, and is the son of Frederick and Rachel (Meek) Kron, the former born in Virginia October 1, 1810, and died in this county in 1854. He was the son of George Kron, a native of Virginia, who emigrated to Indiana in a very early day

and settled in Harrison county, one of the pioneers who combined to make the State the paradise it is to-day.

Rachel Meek Kron was the daughter of Sylvester and Rachael Meek, natives of Ohio. James M., the subject, was the third in a family of seven children. He was reared on the farm, and educated in the common schools of the county. He enlisted in the army December 21, 1863, and was discharged June 15, 1865, for disability. He was a member of Co. F, 81st Ind. Vol. Infantry, and was wounded at Jonesboro, and came home. He was married September 10, 1870, to Mrs. Sarah Goldsmith, formerly Miss Sarah Bolden, and a daughter of Sebert and Mary Bolden. Her first husband was James H. Goldsmith, and she had two children by him, viz: Martha J., born April 25, 1863, and Mary M., born July 29, 1865. Mr. Goldsmith died, and his widow married Mr. Kron as above. They have six children, viz: Emma L., born May 1, 1871; Julia A., born July 29, 1873; Selina A., born November 19, 1875; W. H., born January 1, 1878; James A., born September 1, 1880; Wiley, January 3, 1883. He has a farm of about forty acres of land, which he has well improved, and cultivates principally in fine fruits. He also does some cooping for the neighborhood.

JAMES LANG was born in this (Harrison) county, July, 17, 1835, and is a son of Samuel S. and Mary Ann (Current) Lang, both natives of this county, and prominent among their neighbors. James' grandfather, Robert Lang, was a native of Shelby county, Ky., and came to Indiana when it was a Territory, locating in Harrison county.

He was Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, and held other county offices. He died in 1856, at the age of seventy years. James, the subject, was brought up on a farm, and educated in the common schools. In 1855, he married Miss Elizabeth Mock, a daughter of Joseph Mock, Esq., a native of Virginia, but who came to Indiana when quite small, and was a large farmer and a man of some local prominence. He died in 1862. Mr. Lang has no children, but is the oldest in a family of ten children, eight boys and two girls. After the subject are: Harry, Samuel C., Robert, Craven, by first wife; and Rhoda, Abraham Lincoln, Hamilton, Albert and Elizabeth, by a second wife. These last all died while small, except Albert and Elizabeth.

GANES LARUE, a leading farmer, was born in Harrison county, Ind., in 1818. His ancestors were of Old Virginia stock, and were among the best families who emigrated from that State to Indiana. His father, Spencer LaRue, settled in Harrison county in 1817, a native of Virginia, as was also his mother, Margeret (Davis) LaRue.

Ganes LaRue's educational advantages were limited to schools of the county. He is one of the successful farmers of Harrison county. He was married, in 1844, to Miss Sallie Boley, who was born in Harrison county in 1826, and a daughter of Isaac Boley, a pioneer who settled in the county from Virginia. This union has been blessed with ten children, all of whom have been well educated. He owns a fine farm in Jackson township, and devotes his entire time to farming and stock raising.



SAMUEL LAWSON was born in White county, Tenn., December 8, 1829, and is a son of Pleasant and Rebecca (Morgan) Lawson; the former a soldier in the War of 1812, and served three years in the Eighth Regulars, Col. Charles Pinckney; the latter was a granddaughter of Gen. Daniel Morgan, whose famous Regiment of Riflemen was a power in the Revolutionary war. Samuel Lawson, the subject, was the fifth in a family of nine children. He was reared on the farm and received a common-school education. When war was declared against Mexico, he enlisted in Co. C, Third Kentucky Volunteers, and served out the term of enlistment, one year. He enlisted and was discharged at Louisville, Ky., and thence came to Harrison county, and engaged in blacksmithing. In 1862 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hickman, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Hickman, natives of Virginia; the former born in 1801, and died in 1887. They have had seven children, viz: William W., Sherman T., Martha K., Laura, Mary F., Rebecca and Andrew; all are living except Sherman, who died August 21, 1867. Mr. Lawson was commissioned captain of an independent company, mustered in the fall of 1861, commissioned by Governor Morton, called the Lawson Grays, which he commanded for three years and was then mustered in the Sixth Regiment of the State Legion. September 22, 1864, he enlisted in the Fifty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until mustered out at the expiration of his term of service. He saw hard service while out, and was with Sherman in his grand march to the sea, enduring the fatigue and all the hardships of that long march. He was present at the surrender of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. June 4, 1865, he was mustered out of the service and returned

home, the survivor of two wars and a highly respected citizen.

ISAAC E. LEFFLER was born in Posey township, Harrison county, Ind., April 5, 1846, and is the son of Peter and Ellen (Cooper) Leffler—the former also a native of Harrison county; the latter a daughter of John and Mary (Chappell) Cooper. Isaac E. was the second in a family of four children. He was born and reared on a farm and received a good common-school education. He enlisted in 1863, in Co. F, Eighty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Subsequently he was transferred to Co. F, Thirty-first Infantry, in which he served till the close of the war, being discharged December 18, 1865. His service in the army was hard, and among his fighting was a participation in the battle of Nashville, when he was on line of battle for a week, and fought two whole days. After the war was over he returned to his home, bought the old homestead farm, and in 1867, on the 7th of November, he married Miss Mary A. Shaner, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Shaner, born in Harrison county, in January, 1843. They have seven children, born as follows: Mary E., October 30, 1868; Charles E., July 7, 1870; Lavina S. N., August 17, 1874; Catherine A., July 28, 1877; John W., January 6, 1880; Richard E., November 6, 1882, and Amos G., April 10, 1884—all of whom are living.

JAMES D. LEMAY, a well-to-do farmer of the county, is a native of Albemarle county, Virginia, and was born September

14, 1830. He is a son of William Lemay, and his mother's maiden name was Gentry, who were both Virginians by birth. His father came to Harrison county in 1833, and died in 1849.

James D. Lemay was married to Cynthia Ann, daughter of Philip Bell, deceased, of this county, in 1853. Her death occurred in Feb., 1859. In 1860 he was again married, to Miss Rebecca Jane Brown, a native of Ohio, daughter of Benjamin Brown, who was born in Virginia and removed to this county a number of years before his death.

Mr. Lemay's children were William and Henry R., who are both deceased. He has a splendid farm of 280 acres near Corydon.

DAVID F. LEMMEL was born in Jefferson county, Ky., January 12, 1835, and son of John and Margaret Lemmel; the former a prominent farmer of Harrison county, who died in 1851, aged sixty years; the latter died also in 1851, aged fifty-eight years. Both were natives of Germany and came to the United States in 1832.

David F. was reared on the farm, and taught that it was an honest and independent calling.

He was married in 1856 to Miss Elizabeth Schafer, of Harrison county, who bore five children, viz: Sarah A., Mary C., George W., Alice M. and Nannie B. The only one married is Sarah, who married George W. Yeager, of this county. Mrs. Lemmel died in 1870.

In 1872 he married Miss Nancy Nance, of Floyd county, Indiana. Mr. Lemmel owns a fine fruit farm, numbering sixty acres, on the Corydon and New Albany Turnpike road, one mile from Lanesville. It is as good land as there is in the county.

He makes a specialty of strawberries, and in 1886 sold 3,200 gallons off of four acres of ground. Mr. Lemmel is a prominent man in this neighborhood, and an enterprising and prosperous farmer.

DANIEL F. LEMMON was born July 18, 1844, in Franklin township, Harrison county, Ind. His father, John Lemmon, a native of Spencer county, Ky., was born in 1804, and emigrated to Harrison county, Ind., in 1884. He was four times elected as a member of the Indiana Legislature in 1852, 1854, 1862 and 1864, serving his county with ability; he also served as a county commissioner, was a man of great public spirit and identified with all enterprises that had in view the advancement of the material interests of Harrison county. He died in September, 1881. Mr. Lemmon's mother, Elizabeth Johnson, was a native of Jefferson county, Ky., and both his grandfathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary war that gave this country independence of England, and were natives of Virginia.

Daniel F. Lemmon is the eighth of ten children, was reared on a farm, and educated in the schools of Harrison county and the city of Louisville, Ky. He was county superintendent of schools from June, 1873 to November, 1884, when he resigned to accept the office of county clerk, to which he was elected in 1884.

He was married in 1863 to Lucinda J. Sharp, daughter of Wm. D. M. Sharp, of Harrison county. Six children have been born to the marriage: Cora A., Lizzie, John W., Emma, Caddie and Brandt. Mr. Lemmon is an active member of the I. O. O. F. at Corydon.

J. W. H. LITTELL is a native of this (Harrison) county, and was born January 27, 1840. He is a son of Hugh and Delilah (Long) Littell; the former born August 14, 1814, and was a son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Gormley) Littell, natives of Virginia. The family emigrated to Harrison county in 1817, and settled a half-mile south Corydon. Delilah Long, the wife of Hugh Littell (and mother of subject), was born in this county, and was a daughter of Levi Long, an early settler of the county, and a noted preacher in the Baptist Church here fifty years ago—a man of great natural talent and moral worth. He was an inveterate worker, attended five or six churches at a time, at great distances from each other, and traveled on foot or horseback, stopping where night overtook him, and receiving the hospitalities of the pioneer's cabin without money and without price. Reverently asking the blessing of God on all he did, his life was simple and unostentatious, his wants few and easily satisfied. His teachings, though plain and unvarnished, did as much, or more toward Christianizing, what was then a new and wild country, than any other influence. He lived out the measure of his days, and died in the hope of a glorious immortality. J. W. H. Littell, the subject of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to clerk for Paul Sieg, of Corydon, which he followed for one year, when he returned to the farm. At eighteen, having received a good common-school education, he began teaching, which he continued until the storms of war commenced gathering around his home, and the Confederate, John Morgan, the great cavalry raider of the South, crossed the Rubicon to his fate, when he joined Capt. J. W. Marshall's company of the "Home Legion," and took part in (as

he termed it) the "John Morgan racket." On the 4th of April, 1864, he was mustered into the Thirteenth Indiana Cavalry, commanded by Col. Johnson, the last cavalry regiment raised, but the first equipped and sent to the front. Mr. Littell enlisted as a private, but was soon promoted to Lieutenant of Co. D. In the summer of 1865, he was promoted to Acting Assistant Regimental Quartermaster, with the rank of Captain; at the same time he filled the position of Commissary, thus holding two positions at once. He was in the Murfreesboro and Nashville battles, and then in a chain of running fights until Hood crossed the Tennessee, also in all the engagements in around Nashville. His shirt and coat sleeve were shot through by the enemy's shell, but he received no personal injury. Since the war he has devoted his time and attention to farming, except two years just after the close of the war, when he engaged in manufacturing tombstones, etc. He owns about 200 acres of fine land, well improved and in an excellent state of cultivation. He has a handsome residence and is well fixed to live comfortable and well. He has one of the finest herds of cattle, consisting of Jerseys, shorthorns, etc., in Harrison county, and some very fine blooded horses. Captain Littell was married in October, 1866, to Miss Bettie A. Sieg, a daughter of J. M. Sieg, Esq., of Harrison county. The Sieg family is from Virginia originally; John Sieg, the grandfather of Mrs. Littell, settled here in 1816, among the early settlers of the county. Captain and Mrs. Littell have six children living, viz: Minnie, Walter, Pinekney, Joe Logan, Alonzo and Loretta. Captain Littell is a member and adjutant of Nevin Post, G. A. R.; was one of the organizers of this Post, and in 1882 elected first Commander of it, which position he held for four years. He is a

staunch Republican, but at the same time somewhat liberal in his political sentiments. He is a great reader and well versed in the current literature of the day.

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JOHN J. LOWE was born in the town of Elizabeth, Harrison county, Ind., March 24, 1833, and is a son of Nathan M. and Mary (Stephaus) Lowe; the former a native of Albany, N. Y., and the other a daughter of John Stephaus of this county. The elder Lowe was brought up in his native city, and was liberally educated, graduating from the best schools. He read medicine, attended lectures, graduated, and received a diploma from the best college in New York. He came West in 1825 and located in Harrison county, where he practiced his profession until his death, April, 29, 1865. His wife, Mary Stephaus, was a native of this county, but her parents came from Rhode Island. John J. Lowe, the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in a family of ten children. He was brought up and educated in his native town of Elizabeth, and graduated from Friendship Academy of that place, an institution of learning that had a high reputation in its day. Hundreds of students attended it from all parts of the State, and at the time Mr. Lowe was a pupil, it was under the superintendence of Prof. John S. Sambaek, a very highly-educated and cultured gentleman. After completing his education Mr. Lowe entered the office of his father for the study of medicine, but after reading for a time, he gave up the study and turned his attention to mechanical pursuits. He became a skillful carpenter and plasterer, and also farmed to a large extent. For a time during the war he served the Govern-

ment as a teamster, but in April, 1865, he enlisted in Co. D, of the Forty-ninth Ind. Vol. Infantry, in which he served until the expiration of his term of enlistment, September 5, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. Mr. Lowe was married September 14, 1854, to Miss Mary A. Gillmore, a daughter of Benjamin and Millie Gillmore. To them were born ten children, as follows: Laura B. and Flora V. (twins), August 16, 1857; Nathan, March, 15, 1860; Fanny A., January 18, 1862; Margaret A., April 24, 1865; Harriet, August 3, 1867; Clara T., February 4, 1871; Eva G., April 7, 1875; Charles H., October 21, 1877; Benjamin K., November 16, 1879; all of whom are living except three, viz: Nathan died February 3, 1861; Charles died August 27, 1878, and Benjamin died March 24, 1881. He settled on a farm of fifty acres, which is highly cultivated and well set in fine fruit trees and grapes. He has two grape vines of the Fox variety that are sixty-five years old, and rarely fail to bear fruit. Mr. Lowe is an enterprising citizen, and a prosperous, well-to-do farmer.

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JAMES LONG is a native of this (Harrison) county, and was born July 17, 1835. He is a son of Samuel S. and Mary Ann (Current) Long, also natives of the county. The elder Long was a prominent farmer of Harrison county, well liked by everybody who knew him. He died in 1866, leaving a family of ten children. His father, Robert Long, was a native of Shelby county, Ky., but came to Indiana when it was a Territory, locating in the present county of Harrison. He was among the earliest settlers of the county, and served as justice of the peace and

county commissioner, nearly all through his life. He was a member of the old Whig party, but in those days the office, sought the man, not the man the office, and Democrats and Whigs alike voted for Mr. Long whenever he was a candidate for office. He died in 1856, at the age of seventy years. James Long, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest of a family of ten children, and was brought up on a farm, receiving a common-school education. In 1855 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Mock, a daughter of Joseph Mock, Esq., a native of Virginia, but who came to Indiana when quite young, and died in February, 1862. Mr. Long has no children. He is one of Harrison county's most exemplary citizens, and belongs to one of the oldest families of the State, highly respected and prominent in the affairs of the county. He owns 110 acres of highly improved land, and devotes considerable time and attention to fruit culture.

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JOHN LOWETH was born in Hunting-tonshire, Eng., the same county in which

Oliver Cromwell was born, May 31, 1839. He was a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Royeroff) Loweth, who still reside in England. Mr. Loweth came to the United States when a boy. He received a good business education in the mother country. His family on both sides were millers, which occupation was followed by the male members. At the age of 18 he located at Cleveland, Ohio, with his uncle, and in 1867 came to Corydon, Ind., and engaged in running the Red Mills with Hisey & Denbo. Subsequently he bought a part of the Eclipse Mills; now he owns the whole establishment. He is putting in the new patent roller process at considerable expense. Six months the mill runs by water and six months by steam—capacity 100 barrels in 24 hours. It is a four-story frame 50x50 feet. Mr. Loweth was married in 1862, to Miss Mary J. Scott, of Floyd county, and a daughter of Moses Scott, one of the early settlers of Floyd county, originally from near Shelbyville, Ky. Moses Scott laid off the town of Scottsville, Floyd county, which bears his name.

JOHN McRAE was a son of Daniel A. McRae. Was born February 12, 1820. He was the eldest in a family of six children, and was brought up on a farm, receiving such education as was to be obtained at that day. When twenty-two years old he obtained a position on a steamboat on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, rising to the head of the river profession.

During the war he was captain of the steamer "Diana," a prominent vessel in the Government service. She was sent down the Mississippi river to rid the country of the swarms of guerrillas then depending upon all people alike.

Under the name of the Mississippi Marine Brigade, in command of Gen. Elliott, they paroled the lower rivers, and treating guerrillas who fell into their hands to a short shrift. The fleet was composed of six mammoth side wheelers and four stern wheelers. Mr. McRae served as captain of one of these vessels about a year, when he was discharged for disability. The Marine Brigade accomplished the purpose for which it was formed—it cleared the river country from guerrillas, and recovered a large quantity of contraband goods. Capt. McRae is now the only surviving captain of that famous fleet, the Marine Brigade, which left New Albany, April 5, 1863.

He married Miss Tilbartha Robinson, the daughter of James T. and Christiana Robinson—the former a native of Delaware, born in 1785, and died in 1867; the latter born in 1823, and died June 11, 1888. To them were born five children.

Capt. John McRae, whose portrait appears in this volume, after meeting with the misfortune of being paralyzed on one side, arm and leg, he retired from his active duties as a "river man," to his farm near Evans' Landing, where he has a beau-

tiful home, surrounded with the comforts of life, and a happy family of children.

There is no farmer or citizen in Harrison county more widely and favorably known, or a man who values honor and integrity among men higher than Captain John McRae.

A genealogical account of the MacRas was written by John MacRa, some time minister of Daig Wall, in Ross-shire, who died in 1704. This was transcribed and extended by Farquhar MacRa, and, from manuscript received from Scotland, was printed for private circulation by Colin MacRae, of Camden, S. C. In the account there is reference to a tradition of a "desperate rencounter betwixt two of the petty Princes of Ireland, in which a certain young man signalized himself by his prowess, defending himself from a particular attack of the enemy, which others observing said, in Irish words, "he was a fortunate son." The spelling of the original name, McRath, was variously modified, according to the pronunciation in the dialect of the particular locality, Thus: MacGrath, MacGraw, MacGrow, MacRay, MacRae; sometimes from an "ill-founded prejudice," the Mac was dropped and the name became Craw, Crow, Ray or Rae. In this country, a John McRae adopted the spelling McCrea, that he might be distinguished from other John MacRaes. Some of the Mac Ras, adherents of Colin Fitzgerald, came to Scotland as early as 1265.

At a somewhat later date, probably, MacRas came to Kintail, whence they widely diffused. The genealogist cited maintains that the MacKensies, the MacRaes, and the MacLains were of the same people in Ireland. He gives as an evidence to which the manners of the times would give force, the fact that a MacKensie, a MacRa, and a MacLain had a tomb in the same place.



John McRae





He also maintains that the Campbells of Scotland were of the same stock, a MacRae having married the heiress of Craignish, and changed his name to Campbell. He seems to be proud of the fact that this MacRae, in changing his name did not change his blood. The Campbells and the MacRas maintaining a close intimacy throughout successive generations. Whatever may have been the degree of relationship, or the comparative prominence of the four clans, they were all brave in battle, constant in friendship and true to public trusts. A large portion of the MacRas in the United States of America are descendants from those who landed at Wilmington, N. C., before the Revolution. Others are descended from an Episcopal minister sent to Virginia by the British Crown. At an early period one MacRae is known to have emigrated to New York. From these progenitors have sprung many families of local prominence, and not a few of wider distinction. Their chief merit, however, does not consist in the fact that they have furnished heroic soldiers, prosperous farmers, successful merchants, able professionals and wise legislators, but rather in the fact that their law-abiding habits are such that their names do not appear in the lists of convicts.

Capt. John McRae's grandfather, Alexander McRae, was born in Scotland about 1745, married Catherine McRae, and, with one child, left their native country and came to America in 1773. He located in Wilmington, N. C. He was a weaver by trade, and engaged in farming and weaving in his new home. Four children were born to them, and then his wife died. He afterward married Flora McRae, by whom he had six children. Of the four born of his first marriage, Daniel A. McRae was the youngest.

He (Daniel A. McRae) became a man of

considerable prominence, receiving, for that day, a liberal education. The early settlers of North Carolina, of whom a large settlement, when the McRae's located, were from Scotland. They were not willing to rear their children in ignorance, and so brought teachers from their native country, at their own expense, and by this means Daniel A. McRae was well educated, becoming proficient in the art of surveying as well as in other branches of learning. He married Christina McDonald, in 1813, daughter of Angus McDonald, and came to Harrison county the next year, locating upon the land the village of New Middletown now stands upon.

He followed surveying for eight or ten years, and was the second county surveyor. He was also a millwright, and built many of the best mills in the county. In 1840 he removed to Crawford county, and soon after was appointed surveyor of the county. He was elected to the lower house of the Legislature in 1845, and made an efficient and working member. When his term expired he was again appointed county surveyor. And about the year 1850 he moved back to Harrison county, where he died Aug. 16, 1875, "full of years and full of honors."

The subject of this sketch is descended from the North Carolina MacRaes.

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SAMUEL P. McRAE was born in Webster township, Harrison county, January 29, 1843, and is the son of Malcom and Mary (McRae) McRae, which makes him a full-blooded McRae. They came to Indiana in an early day, and settled in Harrison county. His grandfather was Christopher McRae, a native of North Carolina; was

born about 1775, and a soldier of the War of 1812. He married Mary McRae, a daughter of Alexander McRae, a Revolutionary soldier, who was a son of Duncan McRae. Malcom and Mary McRae had ten children, of whom Samuel P. (the subject) was the eldest. He was raised on a farm and received such education as afforded by the common schools. He enlisted September 23, 1864, in Co. G, Fifty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged June 25, 1865, by expiration of term of service. He was, besides other service, with Gen. Sherman in his march to the sea, and bore a part in all the hardships of that long and toilsome march. He was present at the surrender of Gen. Joe Johnston, and then went to Richmond and thence to Washington, D. C., where he was discharged as above. He was married Dec. 26, 1878, to Miss Harriet Marsh, born March 20, 1852, a daughter of James and Nancy Marsh, natives of Harrison county. The live on the farm entered by Malcom McRae, subject's father, many years ago.

JAMES A. McRAE, a son of John McRae, born in Harrison county, February 16, 1845. He was raised on a farm and attended the common schools, finishing off his education at the Corydon High School. He enlisted in the army December 8, 1861, though but 17 years of age, in Co. K, Fifty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged in February, 1863, for disability. After leaving the army he taught school several terms. He was married March 14, 1865, to Miss Zerilda A. Safford, a granddaughter of the Hon. William Safford, who served as representative in the Legislature, and a daughter of Jesse Safford, a promi-

nent farmer. Mr. and Mrs. McRae had five children: Nellie V., born December 8, 1865; Jesse A., October 17, 1867; Frank E., August 23, 1870; John D., February 13, 1873, and Claudius, June 24, 1875. Mrs. McRae died March 1, 1878, and on April 26, 1881, Mr. McRae was married to Elizabeth Kirkham. To them were born three children as follows: Edna and Ethel (twins), August 11, 1883; Walter C., May 12, 1885, and died May 6, 1886. Mrs. McRae died November 17, 1887. Mr. McRae has twice been chosen trustee of Taylor township, and owns a large and excellent farm. He is an exemplary citizen and an energetic business man and farmer.

ROBERT McDANIEL was born in Memphis, Tenn., March 30, 1845, and is the son of Hiram and Rebecca (Rainey) McDaniel; the former born in Kentucky in 1816; the latter also born in Kentucky, and a daughter of Robert and Mary Rainey. Robert Rainey was a son of Wm. Rainey, the latter a soldier and scout in the United States army for eleven years. He was with Gen. Wayne in his campaign which resulted in suppressing Indian outrages in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Hiram McDaniel was a son of Peter and Mary McDaniel, natives of Kentucky. About 1844 he went to Memphis, Tenn., where he remained several years, and then removed to Louisville, Ky., where he located and engaged in teaming. Later he came to Indiana, and settled in Harrison county. He followed farming and teaming to the end of his life, and died May 18, 1864. Robert McDaniel, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest in a family of nine children born to his parents. He was raised

on a farm and received such education as afforded by the schools of the neighborhood. He enlisted in Co. M, Forty-fifth Indiana Volunteers (Third Cavalry), and was discharged April 15, 1865, by expiration of his term of service. His service was long and severe, but he lived through it and returned in safety to home and friends. March 30, 1870, he married Miss Cinderilla Detrick, a daughter of John and Euthora Detrick. They have nine children, viz: Ticia, born January 13, 1871; Eugene, born April 15, 1872; Euthora, October 9, 1873; Mary, February 12, 1875; Robert E., September 25, 1876; Charles, September 20, 1879; Samuel, May 23, 1881; Hiram W., July 16, 1884 (died August 23, 1885); Martha K., November 30, 1886. Mr. McDaniel is an industrious and prosperous farmer, and a highly respectable citizen.

GEORGE M. McCARTY, deceased, was born in Meade county, Ky., April 14, 1827, and was the son of William T. and Sophia (Bentley) McCarty, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Pennsylvania—they came with their parents to Indiana when children. George M. was brought up on the farm, and received a good practical education, and when a young man followed school-teaching. In 1856 he married Miss Rebecca Sherman, a daughter of Jacob Sherman, who was a prominent farmer of this county, and in his young days was a leading merchant at Mauckport. Mr. McCarty, after teaching awhile, engaged in farming, and became one of the leading farmers of the county. He owned 340 acres of land, 200 of which was in the Ohio river bottom opposite Brandenburg, and as productive as any that "ever a crow flew

over." Mr. and Mrs. McCarty had six children, viz: Augusta, Charles M., William H., Margaret E., Julia and Benjamin S. Augusta married Tarrence Connor, of Rome, Ind., but who now lives at Baxter Springs, Kansas; Charles M. married Miss Laura Carroll, of this county, and is a farmer; William H. married Martha E. Faith—she has since died; Margaret E. married Stephen H. Carroll, formerly of this county, but now of Baxter Springs, Kas. The others are all at home. Mr. McCarty died in 1875, and was mourned by a large circle of friends and relatives.

CAPT. JOHN W. MARSHALL is a native of Hardin county, Ky., and was born January 22, 1833. He is a son of John W. and Margaret (Hughes) Marshall, of Kentucky, and of the illustrious family so prominent in Kentucky and Virginia.

Capt. Marshall came to this country thirty-eight years ago, and has lived most of the time in the township where he lives now. In 1861 he raised a company of home guards 100 strong, which he drilled thoroughly. Subsequently he raised Co. C, Fifty-third Infantry, commanded by Col. Gresham. He was captain of Co. C, over two years, and was discharged on account of being disabled at Big Black river in the latter part of 1862. He returned home and engaged in farming, which he has continued ever since.

He has one of the finest farms in Harri-son county, comprising 468 acres of very productive land, well improved.

Capt. Marshall was married to Miss Elizabeth Sieg, daughter of Daniel F. Sieg, a native of Virginia, who came here among the pioneers; his father was John Sieg,

also an early settler, and a native of Virginia.

Capt. Marshall has been commander of Nevin Post, G. A. R. As a farmer, he is one of the best and most successful in the county, and owns one of the finest farms.

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WILLIAM G. MASON was born March 5, 1840, and is the son of Lincoln and Laurania (Dugan) Mason; the former born in the Green River country of Kentucky, about 1806, came to Harrison county, Ind., when young; the latter was born in this county about 1818. Lincoln Mason disappeared very singularly. He was a cooper by trade, and it was his custom every fall to go to Louisville, Ky., and work at his trade there during the fall and winter. In the fall of 1851 he made his usual trip to that city. He was seen by several acquaintances after his arrival there, and then suddenly was lost sight of, and to this day has remained lost to his family and friends. William G., the subject of this sketch, is the third in a family of nine children. He was but 12 years of age when his father so suddenly disappeared, and he became the main stay and help of his mother. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Co. A, Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. He participated in every battle and skirmish in which the Forty-ninth took part, and their service was no child's play. He escaped without a wound. At the close of the war he was discharged from the army, and returned home to Harrison county, when, on the 24th of May, 1867, he was married to Miss Rebecca Hornbeck, a native of Harrison county, and a daughter of Abraham Hornbeck, also a soldier in

the late war, serving in Co. E, Eighty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry. To Mr. and Mrs. Mason were born nine children, as follows: Abe Lincoln, March 5, 1865; Minnie, December 24, 1870; Doc, May 1, 1872; Patty, May 1, 1875; Daisy, August 29, 1877; Florence, October 16, 1880; Leoma, June 16, 1882; Alice, September 9, 1884, and Lilly, March 7, 1887. Mr. Mason lives on a farm in Taylor township, and is what may be termed a successful farmer. He and his wife are consistent members of the Baptist Church.

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SANFORD MARTIN was born in Washington county, Ind., April 6, 1848, and is a son of Manoah Martin, who was born near Shelbyville, Ky., about 1816. He came to Indiana with his parents in infancy, his father, Lewis Martin, being one of the pioneers of Washington county. He (Lewis) was a native of Virginia, emigrated to Kentucky, and some years after to Indiana. Manoah Martin married Sallie A. Wood, a daughter of one of the early settlers of Wood township, Clark county, a township that was named for him.

Sanford Martin, the subject of this sketch, was reared to farm life and educated in the public schools of the county. He was married in 1870 to Elizabeth Davis, a daughter of Robert Davis, a native of Kentucky, but who came to Indiana with his parents in 1819. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have six children, as follows: Robert, Stella J., Manoah, Ida B., Bethsadia M. and Arvie. After marriage Mr. Martin lived for some time in Clark county, but finally removed to Harrison county, where he has since resided. He settled near the site of an Indian village in what is now

Spencer township. His wife, the mother of Elizabeth Davis Martin, was a daughter of Dennis Pennington, who was a prominent man in the early history of Harrison county.

He represented the county in the Legislature at the first session, and at several successive terms after the State was organized. He built the old State House now standing in the public square of Corydon. His wife, the maternal grandmother of Mrs. Martin, who was Elizabeth English, was captured by the Indians when she was but seven years of age, and kept in captivity until she was fourteen. Her step-father went on horseback to what is now the State of Minnesota for her, but she would not return with him. One of her brothers then went on foot for her, and she was induced to return to her people and to civilization.

Mr. Martin owns 120 acres of choice land in Spencer township, which is well improved. He devotes some attention to growing small fruits, although he carries on general farming.

He is a member of the Christian Church.

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JOHN J. MAUCK, farmer and miller, and a member of one of the oldest families in the county, was born in Harrison county, Jan. 1, 1826. David and Elizabeth (Snider) Mauck were his parents, who emigrated from Shenandoah county, Virginia, to Harrison county in 1802, and were among the very first families to locate in the county. They both came with their parents when quite young, and were among the eight or ten families who came to the county in wagons. At that time the Wyandotte Indians were indifferent toward

the Whites, and a few years later became highly incensed and led what is known as the "Pigeon Roost Massacre," on the edge of Scott county, which occurred about the time the battle of Tippecanoe was fought, the exact date being Sept. 3, 1812. David Mauck was married in 1808. His first settlement in Harrison county was on Blue river one and a half miles from Wyandotte Cave. He was a noted hunter in pioneer days, when the bear, elk and deer, were as numerous as were the Wyandotte Indians. He stood his draft for the War of 1812, and furnished a substitute, who fought at the battle of Tippecanoe, and was successful in bagging several red skins; after dressing his game, gave the hides over to Mr. Mauck, who was extensively engaged in tanning in those days as well as hunting. Mr. Mauck, after enduring the hardships of pioneer life, lived to be a very old man, dying in 1876, at the age of 92 years; his wife, who shared with him in the vicissitudes of such a life, died in 1871, at the age of 71 years.

John J. Mauck was married in 1861 to Mrs. Sarah B. Charley (*nee* Hayden). She was born in Hardin county, Ky. Two children have blessed this union: Addie L. and Annie B. Mr. Mauck when a boy learned the trade of miller, and for thirty-five years has been engaged in this business. His flouring mill is located on Indian creek, one-half mile below Corydon, and his farm of eighty acres joins Corydon. He is a public-spirited, progressive citizen, always ready to aid in any laudable enterprise that is for the good of the people and for the building up and development of the county.

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REV. JOHN MELTON, a local minister of the Methodist Church, was born in Floyd

county, Ind., February 22, 1835, and is a son of Daniel and Malinda (Bolton) Melton, the former a native of Harrison county, and the latter of Kentucky. The elder Melton entered the army in the late war, died, and was buried at Harper's Ferry. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. After the age of 17 he went to New Albany, and learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed for a number of years. In September, 1858, he entered the ministry, in the United Brethren denomination, for which he labored until in 1870, when he joined the Methodist Church. He was married, in 1855, to Miss Anna Busby, a daughter of John and Catherine Busby. They have twelve children, all of whom are living. He owns 240 acres of excellent land, highly improved and in a fine state of cultivation. His farm is well stocked, and he devotes some attention to raising blooded cattle. His specialty, however, is fruit growing, to which he gives most of his time. He has a fine fruit orchard of 3,500 trees of the best varieties.

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WILLIAM J. MILES, Sr., was born in Harrison county, June 24, 1817, and is a son of Joseph Miles, who came from Kentucky, but was originally from Maryland. He was raised on a farm and grew up with few educational advantages. When seventeen years old he engaged to work in blacksmith shop of Edward Marsh, who still lives in New Albany.

At the age of twenty he married Miss Malinda Arnold, a daughter of George Arnold, Esq., one of the pioneers of Harrison county, who came from Virginia and settled here about 1806. He was born in

1796, served a number of years as justice of the peace and was one of the first civil officers of the county. His father, Richard Arnold, was also one of the earliest settlers, and worked on the first mill built in Harrison county,—the mill built at the Harrison Spring.

W. J. Miles, Sr., and Mrs. Miles have eight children, as follows: Nancy E., married to William Barks; Anna, George E., Lou Dorcas, Adaline, William J. Miles, Jr. Rebecca J. and Bell. Mr. Miles owns 160 acres of land, well cultivated and well improved. He has always carried on blacksmithing, and is the inventor of the plow known as the "Captain Plow," used extensively in Harrison, Floyd, Crawford and other counties.

His son William manufactures edge-tools in Newton, Kan., known as the "Damascus process temper."

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JOHN W. MORGAN was born in DuBois county, Indiana, October 12, 1844, and is the son of William and Margaret (Robertson) Morgan; the former was also born in DuBois county, June 2, 1822, and the latter a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of Addison and Eliza Robertson.

William Morgan served in the late war, enlisted in the Forty-ninth Regiment of Indiana Infantry, and was discharged in September, 1865, his term of service having expired. He died in 1887, at the age of sixty-five years.

John W., the subject of this sketch, was the oldest of eight children. He was raised on the farm and received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the commencement of the war he enlisted in Co. D, Capt. Daily, Fifty-third Indiana

Infantry, commanded by Col. Walter Q. Gresham. He was mustered into the service January 7, 1862, and was discharged February 22, 1865, his term of service having expired.

At the conclusion of the war he located at Elizabeth, Harrison county, and on the 25th of February, 1866, he married Miss Mary Jane Storms, a daughter of Michael and Annetta Storms. She died June 6, 1876, and he married a second time to Miss Milarna Curry, a daughter of Isaiah and Sarah Curry; the former a native of Pennsylvania, emigrated to Indiana and joined the army in 1864, in the Thirty-eighth regiment. He was in the hospital at Goldsborough, N. C., and was discharged in 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan (first marriage) had three children, viz: William D., born November 19, 1868; Cora, Feb. 16, 1871, and Benj. F., September 28, 1873. By his second marriage Mr. Morgan has had two children—Jasper L., born May 26, 1878, and Mary B., November 23, 1885.

Mr. Morgan saw some hard service while in the army. He was at Shiloh; in the siege of Corinth, and on the skirmish line continually fighting for eleven days, using five hundred cartridges. After the siege he scouted through to Memphis, marched back to Bolivar, then to Holly Springs, then to Germantown, then again to Bolivar—was several times engaged with the enemy; at Tallabatchie fought seven hours—his regiment losing 113 men—captured four pieces of artillery and six hundred men. He was next at Vicksburg, then to Grand Gulf, back to Vicksburg, and there at its fall. From this time on duty constantly until his term of service expired.

JAMES NOBLE, Governor of State of Indiana, was born at Battletown, Va. He emigrated to the frontier when a youth, first settling in Kentucky, and afterward in Indiana. When the State was admitted into the Union he was chosen a United States Senator, and held the position until his death, February 26, 1831, a period of fifteen years. His decease occurred in Washington City.

HUGH A. PATTERSON was born in this (Harrison) county, March 11, 1826, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (McWilliams) Patterson; the former born in Virginia about 1783, died in Harrison county in 1853—the latter was also a Virginian, and died in this county in 1872. Hugh A., whose name heads this sketch, was the youngest in a family of eleven children. He was reared on a farm and received an excellent education, the best the schools of his neighborhood could afford.

He was married Oct. 14, 1849, to Miss Malvina Patterson, a daughter of Alexander and Lydia Patterson, and was born Sept. 1, 1825, and raised in Kentucky. Hugh enlisted Nov. 11, 1861, in Co. D, Fourth Kentucky Cavalry, and was discharged Oct. 28, 1862, by reason of disability incurred in the field. His service was hard and severe while in the army. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have had four children born as follows: Francis E., June 2, 1851; Richard T., Dec. 11, 1854, and died on 22d of same month; Eliza J., Feb. 22, 1856, and James C., Feb. 22, 1859. After the war Mr. Patterson returned home to Hardin county, Kentucky, where he farmed until 1866,

when he emigrated to Harrison county, Ind., remaining here about two years, when he moved to Illinois and thence to Nebraska.

He remained in that State until 1883, when he removed back to Harrison county and purchased a farm in Webster township, where he has since resided and is settled for life.

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WASHINGTON POOR was born in Gallatin county, Ohio, December 25, 1816, and is the son of George and Catherine (Hoffas) Poor; the former was a native of North Carolina, and removed to Ohio in an early day. He was a blacksmith by trade, and to this combined farming, which he carried on rather extensively. About 1827 he came to Indiana and settled in Madison county, where he died some years later. Washington Poor remained on his father's farm, and received such education as the neighborhood could boast. In 1838 he was married to Miss Mary Street, by whom he had three children, George, Joseph and Peter, all three of whom enlisted in the army during the late war, and one of whom was killed, and another died of disease contracted while in the service. His wife died, and on the 15th of October, 1852, Mr. Poor married Miss Susan Capick. Her children were as follows: Adam, born December 27, 1857; Mary E. born February 2, 1859; George W., born August 2, 1860; Sarah A., born October 24, 1862; and Cynthia E., born September 24, 1864. Adam, Mary E. and George W. died within twenty-four hours of each other, one at 7 o'clock p. m., one the next morning, and the third at 7 o'clock p. m. following, and were all buried in one grave. Mrs. Poor died, and in 1865 Mr. Poor was married for the

third time, to Mrs. Mary Harrison, widow of John Harrison, of Harrison county. Mr. Poor removed to Harrison county, then to Pulaski county, Ind., then back to Madison county, and finally to Harrison county, where he now resides in Taylor township, where he has an excellent farm and a pleasant home, and he and his wife dwell together there in peace and quiet, patiently waiting the summons to the "Better Land." He enlisted in the army at the breaking out of the war, in Co. D, Thirty-fourth Infantry, in July, 1861. He was discharged in October following, on account of disability.

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Th. POSEY, Governor of the Territory of Indiana, was a native of Virginia. He was born not far from Alexandria, on the 9th of July, 1750. In 1774 he was engaged in the expedition originated by Dunmore, the last royal Governor of Virginia, against the Indians, being present at the battle of Point Pleasant. On the outbreak of the Revolution he was engaged on the patriot side, fought against Dunmore, his former commander, and afterward joined Washington's army. He was at the battle of Bemis Heights, as captain under Colonel Morgan, and his men did excellent service as sharpshooters in that conflict. In 1779 he was colonel of Eleventh Virginia regiment, and afterward commanded a battery under Gen. Wayne. In 1793 he was appointed brigadier-general of the Army of the Northwest, and, being pleased with the appearance of the new country, settled in Kentucky not long after. In that State he was a member of the State Senate, being the president of that body from November 4, 1805, to November



3, 1806, and in addition performed the duties of Lieutenant-Governor. He removed to Louisiana in 1812, and was elected to the United States Senate from that State. He was appointed Governor of Indiana in 1813, by President Madison, and served till 1816. He died in Shawneetown, Ill., March 19, 1818.

WILLIAM H. REEDER, M. D., was born November 4, 1851, and is a native of Harrison county, Indiana. He is a son of Charles B. and Sarah E. (Gilham) Reeder, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Harrison county. The elder Reeder came to the county with his parents when he was but a boy; was a farmer, served quite a time as justice of the peace and died in 1868, at the age of forty-five. Mrs. Reeder's father, Levi Gilham, was a native of Virginia, and settled in Heth township (this county) in an early day. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. William H. was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the common schools and at Corydon. He taught school seven or eight years, and attended school in the meantime at Lebanon, Ohio; read medicine with Dr. Charles Mitchell, and entered the Kentucky School of Medicine in 1876, graduating the next year. He commenced practice at New Amsterdam, in this county, and in 1884 attended a course at Miami College, at Cincinnati, after which he returned to his practice. He was married in 1876, to Miss Kate Wilson, a daughter of James Wilson, Esq. She died in 1882, leaving two children, one of whom is living—George. In 1883 he married Miss Lucy Dawson, of this county. They have three children, viz: Maud, William and Benja-

min. Dr. Reeder is one of the influential citizens of the county, and is an excellent physician with a large practice.

DR. WILLIAM READER (deceased), of Corydon, one of the most prominent and successful physicians of his time in Southern Indiana, was born April 13, 1819, in Harrison county. He was born and reared on the farm, attending the schools of the neighborhood, and subsequently entered the State University, at Bloomington, and graduated with honor from that institution four years afterward. He immediately began the study of medicine under Dr. Mitchell, of Corydon. In 1840 he entered the Louisville University. In 1841 he began the practice of his profession at Livonia, Washington county, Indiana. He moved to Grassy Valley, Harrison county, in 1843, and continued successfully in his practice till 1850, meantime returning to Louisville University, where he graduated in his profession, and returned to Grassy Valley in 1859, when he removed to Leavenworth, Crawford county, and remained but a few months, when he again removed and located at Corydon. In connection with his practice as physician he was also engaged in the drug business, selling that out in 1874, and continued still to practice up to his death, April 10, 1888. He held the office of Pension Examiner for a number of years. He was a prominent member of the order of Knights of Pythias. He was an active and influential member of the Presbyterian Church.

In his disposition he was charitable and liberal to a fault, ever ready to assist the poor and needy. During the war he went to Shiloh, and did hospital service

for some time in taking care of the sick and wounded, and was a man universally liked.

He married Miss Catherine, daughter of Wilford Heth, who held the office of County Clerk of Harrison county for fifty years. Mrs. Reader died in 1885, and was born September 17, 1822. Of this marriage there are living two children, Charles H. and Miss Anna E. Reader.

Charles H. and Sarah Applegate were Dr. Reader's parents, born respectively in England and Pennsylvania. Dr. Reader, while living, took an active interest in educational matters, and for many years acted as Trustee of the School Board of the town of Corydon.

JOHN REDICK is a native of Louisville, Ky., and was born March 31, 1846. He came to Indiana with his parents when only four years old, and located in Harrison county. His parents were Philip and Mary (Fleshman) Redick, both natives of Germany. He attended the common schools of the county, and, after completing his education, learned the trade of a cooper. This he followed for eleven years in Harrison county, and in 1870 went to Louisville, where he engaged in the grocery business, and remained there for six years. He then returned to Harrison county, and opened a general store at Lanesville, in which business he is still engaged, and in which he has been quite successful. He is school trustee of Lanesville, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He was married, in 1870, to Miss Christina Voelker, of Harrison county. They have four children, named as follows: Anna C., Julius C., Clara E. and John E. Philip Redick, the father of subject, came to the United States in 1831, and located in Washington, Pa.,

from whence he came to Jeffersonville, Ind., with his parents, where they died. He was a cooper by trade, and also carried on farming. He died in 1886, at the age of sixty-five years. Mrs. Christina Voelker Redick was a daughter of William Voelker, who came from Germany in 1835, and located in Harrison county, where he died in 1870, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a prominent man and was greatly missed in his neighborhood.

GEORGE W. ROBINSON is a native of Kentucky, and was born Dec. 25, 1830. He is a son of William and Sarah (Lyon) Robinson; the former born in New York in 1774; the latter born in 1764, and died in 1861. The elder Robinson came from Ireland in an early day. He served in the Indian wars of the times, and was with Gen. Wayne at the battle of Fallen Timber in 1795, which virtually closed the Revolutionary war, though it had been declared over a decade before. He died in 1853, full of years and full of honors. He had settled in Kentucky, and in 1834 removed to Harrison county, settling in Boone township. George W., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest of a family of six children. He was brought up on a farm, and received such education as the limited facilities of the county afforded. When the war of the Rebellion commenced he enlisted in Co. K, Fifty-eighth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Sept. 23, 1864, and was discharged June 30, 1865. He was with Sherman in his "March to the Sea," and participated in all the hardships as well as the fighting of the wonderful campaign. He was at the surrender of Col. Joe Johnston, and participated in the grand

review at Washington after the war was over. He then turned his arms into agricultural implements, and resumed farming. He was married April 17, 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, of Harrison county, and a daughter of Benjamin and Maria Thompson; the former a native of Harrison county, a farmer and an exemplary member of the Baptist Church; the latter, Maria Brown Thompson, was a daughter of Robert Thompson, who was born on the ocean when his parents were *in transitu* to America. He settled in Kentucky, but later removed to Harrison county, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have had twelve children born to them, viz: Ann M., Lemuel C., Benjamin T., William W., Ulysses G., Henry, Ellendor, Cora S., Mary A., George A., James H. and Edgar R. Ann died Aug. 14, 1858; William W. died Feb. 13, 1864, and Henry died March 28, 1868. Mr. Robinson has a fruit farm of eighty acres of land, which is in a high state of cultivation, yielding much fine fruit.

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WILLIAM S. ROGERS was the fourth in a family of twelve children born to James and Arrenor (Cromwell) Rogers; the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Harrison county. James Rogers was born in 1802, and was the son of Thomas Rogers, also a native of Virginia. James came West with his parents in an early day, when but a child. But few settlers preceded them, and his father had pick and choice of land, and chose the hill country as best adapted to agricultural pursuits. James married Arrenor Cromwell, a daughter of Fielding and Sarah Cromwell; they were from Pennsylvania and were lineal descendants of Oliver Cromwell

("Old Noll"), the "Protector." Her grandfather, Louis Cromwell, at one time owned a large tract of land where Louisville, Ky., now stands.

He donated a lot for a cemetery; but the conditions having been violated, the ground reverts to the original owner. James Rogers died July 11, 1885, at an advanced age. William S., the subject, was born August 30, 1830, was brought up on his father's farm, and received a common-school education. In September, 1864, he enlisted in Co. G, Fifty-eighth Ind. Vol. Infantry, and was discharged in June, 1865, at the expiration of his term of service.

He was married October 9, 1855, to Miss Mary Jameson, born May 22, 1839, in Harrison county, and a daughter of Richard and Mary Ann Jameson; the former born in Pennsylvania about 1791, and died in Harrison county in 1861; the latter is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were born nine children, as follows: Thomas, April 15, 1857; Sarah, May 2, 1859; Reener, January 11, 1861; Annie, June 26, 1864; Katie, July 30, 1868; Lizzie, February 18, 1870; James, October 12, 1872; Claudia, June 18, 1875; and Clarence, October 8, 1878. Katie died April 15, 1869, and James died July 15, 1875.

At the close of the war Mr. Rogers returned to his farm and has continued farming ever since. He is an energetic man and an exemplary citizen.

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JOHN SAMPLE is a sample of a good old stock. He was born in Clinton county, Indiana, January 15, 1843, and is a son of David and Harriet (Millspangh) Sample; the former born in Butler county,

Ohio, whose father was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and came to America in an early day, settling first in Pennsylvania, then in Butler county, Ohio, where he resided until his death at a good old age. Harriet Millspaugh Sample was the daughter of Peter and Hyla Millspaugh, and a native of New York. She was the only daughter in a family of twelve children. She educated herself under many difficulties for a teacher, and followed teaching until her marriage. John Sample, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest of seven children, and was but two years old when his parents died in 1845. He was brought up by his mother's parents. In June, 1861, he enlisted in Co. B, First Kentucky Infantry, and at once entered upon active service. He participated in all the battles engaged in by the First Kentucky regiment up to November, 1861, when he was discharged for disability, but in a short time re-enlisted in Co. C, Fiftieth Ohio Infantry. He served in this regiment until his term service expired in September, 1865, having a part in about all the fighting done by the Fiftieth Regiment, being wounded in the Atlanta campaign. Mr. Sample, during his army life, was captured at the battle of Franklin. He was held a prisoner four weeks, and while a forced march to another prison he broke ranks and made his escape, notwithstanding he was fired at and pursued a considerable distance by a company of Infantry. He secreted himself in hollow stump within the enemy's lines, where he remained four days without food, and until the enemy renewed their march, making it safe for him to leave his hiding place. After many hardships and risks he finally reached Nashville, Tenn., 150 miles from his place of escape in Alabama. He made the above trip on foot and alone. At the close of the war he commenced

teaching school. For some time he taught in Ohio, and then went to Illinois, where he continued to direct the "young idea how to shoot." Finally he came to Indiana and settled in Taylor township, Harrison county. He was married to Miss Maria Craft, a very successful school teacher, a daughter of James and Maria Craft, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Sample had seven children, five of whom are living. Hyla J., born March 5, 1871, and Hattie J., born March 23, 1878, are dead. The others were born as follows: Charles S., June 1, 1873; Elmer A., March 13, 1876; John D., June 10, 1881; Nellie N., July 18, 1885, and Gracie M., July 21, 1888.

ISAAC SANDS was born in Boone township, Harrison county, Ind., May 1, 1834, and is the son of Dorsey and Elizabeth (Mussulman) Sands; the former was born in Kentucky about the year of 1800, and was a son of William Sands, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to America in an early day. Dorsey Sands was a millwright, and also followed farming.

He emigrated to Harrison county about 1810, with his parents. Elizabeth Mussulman Sands was born February 14, 1808, and died June 24, 1888. She was a daughter of Daniel and Christina Mussulman, natives of Pennsylvania. Isaac Sands, the subject of this sketch, was the seventh in a family of fourteen children; was raised on a farm, receiving such education as the common schools afforded.

He married Phila A. Dewees, November 14, 1852, a daughter of John and Sarah Dewees, natives of Kentucky; their parents were natives of Virginia. Mr. and

Mrs. Sands have had eleven children, as follows: Martha A., June 2, 1853; Sarah E., September 8, 1855 (died August 26, 1857); Daniel W., October 7, 1857; Mary E., February 13, 1859 (died March 6, 1859); Rachel J., August 20, 1861; Georgie E., March 1, 1865; Ida A., November 23, 1866; William H., March 24, 1868 (died November 25, 1871); Charles F., March 5, 1870; Elnora B., February 9, 1872; and John D., October 20, 1874.

Mr. Sands enlisted August 20, 1862, in Co. F, Eighty-first Indiana Vol. Infantry, and was discharged June 13, 1865, the war having closed. Becoming disabled he was sent to the hospital for several months, and never was in active service afterward.

Mr. Sands is a lineal descendant of Rev. Edwin Sandys, one of the translators of the Bible from the Greek, and, in acknowledgment of the service, was made Archbishop of York. Declining to support the Church of England, he came to America in 1636, and his estate was confiscated to the English Crown. A few years ago, however, it was, by special act of Parliament, deeded back to the legal representatives of the Archbishop, and is to-day worth some \$75,000,000.

The corruption of the name Sandys to Sands, caused considerable delay in tracing lineage; but this has been corrected and the whole is now in a fair way for adjustment and recovery. Mr. Sands, after the war was over, returned to Harrison county, and took up the old farm life.

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DAVID SHAFFER was born in Harrison county, Ind., February 27, 1851, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Pitman) Shaffer; the former born in Crawford county,

and the latter in Harrison county. David, the subject was reared a farmer, and received a limited education. He was married in November, 1872, to Miss Mary E. Davis, a daughter of Samuel B. and Mary (Breedon) Davis, both natives of Harrison county. Mary Davis Shaffer was born in October, 1851. She is the mother of seven children, viz: Floyd, Charles E., John P., Daniel O., Ona B., Samuel J. and Cordie E. Mr. Shaffer owns 240 acres of fine land, well improved and in an excellent state of cultivation. He devotes considerable time and attention to raising fine stock, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Mr. Shaffer is a member of Corydon Lodge of Odd Fellows.

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GEORGE K. SHERMAN was born in Shenandoah county, Va., Sept. 15, 1820, and is the son of Jacob and Margaret (Boyer) Sherman, natives of Virginia.

They came to Indiana in 1824, and settled in Harrison county, where the remainder of their lives were passed. The former died in 1846 at the age of fifty-three years, and the latter in 1863 at the age of sixty-seven years. They had a family of five children, viz: Eliza Ann, Mary Ann, Rebecca, Jacob and the subject of this sketch. Eliza Ann married Robert Barr, of Capon Springs, Va. She now lives in Missouri. Her husband died in 1885; Mary Ann married Robert Gwartney. He died and she married John Simler, a farmer of this county, and who has represented this county one term in the Legislature; she died in 1880. Rebecca married George McCarty, a farmer of this county, he died in 1875; Jacob married Martha, a daughter of Reverend Jacob Lopp in 1847, and

died in 1880, and his wife died some time later in 1884, leaving seven children.

George K., the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm and received a common-school education. He has engaged in several pursuits, but principally farming and milling, merchandizing and trading on the river to New Orleans and intermediate towns. He and his brother would buy up produce, load boats and take them to New Orleans. He was in partnership a part of the time with his brother Jacob. In 1863, when the Confederate General, Morgan, crossed the Ohio river into Indiana, he landed on the land of Mr. Sherman and his brother, at the mouth of Buck creek. About 300 of his cavalry stopped with Mr. Sherman, got provisions and fed their horses, and when they left took a mule and a horse belonging to Mr. Sherman in payment of what they had received. This was perhaps a prophetic knowledge of what Mr. Sherman's namesake would do in his "March to the Sea," and was partly in requital.

Mr. Sherman is one of the old and respectable citizens of Harrison county, and prides in his descent from an old Virginia family. He is popular and well liked among his neighbors. He is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the M. E. Church. Charitable as he has been prosperous, he is a liberal contributor to the poor and needy and to the church.

JAMES W. SHIGLEY, of Scott township, Harrison county, was born near Lowell, Ohio, on the 25th of March, 1845, and is a son of Enoch and Catherine (Shaffer) Shigley, natives of Virginia. The former moved to Crawford county, Ind., in

1854, and located five miles from Leavenworth. Both he and his wife are of German descent.

James W. was reared principally in Crawford county, and received such education as the schools afforded. In 1863 he joined an independent company known as Charles Lamb's Mounted Scouts. This organization remained out nine months, and was mustered out in 1864. He then returned to the farm, and in 1881 came to Scott township, this county. He owns 240 acres of good land, well improved and in a fine state of cultivation.

He was married in 1864 to Miss Lydia Rothrock, born in Crawford county, Ind., and a daughter of H. P. Rothrock, Esq., a native of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Shigley have eight children, viz: Rosa Marshall, Clara I., Edward C., Alva D., James O., Julis C., Bertha M. and Ethel May.

JAMES I. SIBERT was born in Crawford county, Indiana, July 20, 1843, and is a son of Hiram J. and Harriet A. (Miller) Sibert; the former a native of Virginia, came to Indiana in an early day with his parents, and settled in Crawford county, near the Wyandotte Cave; the latter was born in Tennessee, but came to Indiana, with her father's family, when quite small. James I., the subject, was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. At the age of eighteen he enlisted in the Federal army, in Co. E, Eighty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and on the 13th day of June, 1865, he was discharged at Camp Harker, Tenn., his term of service having expired. He participated in the following battles: Stone River, Chickamauga, Resacca and Kenesaw Mountain.

He was wounded at Chickamauga and also at Kenesaw Mountain. After the war was over he returned to his plow, and in November following his discharge from the army he was married to Miss Laura McCullum, a daughter of James and Abigail (Sharpe) McCullum, natives of Tennessee. They removed to Kentucky, and later they came to Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Sibert have had seven children, as follows: Henry W., Willis I., Mary A., Joseph O., Charles H., Ida R. and William J. Mr. Sibert owns 117 acres of good land in Scott township, and is an enterprising farmer. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and votes the Republican ticket.

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JOHN SIMLER was born November 29, 1812, in this (Harrison) county, on the old Charlestown road, six miles northeast of Corydon. He is a son of John and Susana (Winter) Simler; the former a native of Pennsylvania, who emigrated to Indiana in 1809 and settled in Franklin township, where he died in 1846; the latter a daughter of Christopher Winter, also a native of Pennsylvania, and an early settler in this county, and who died in 1844. John, the subject, was one of a family of eight children, and was brought up on a farm, and received the meager education to be obtained in that day in the country schools. He was married, in 1836, to Miss Isabel Stephenson, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Stephenson, natives of Virginia. They have had born to them twelve children, four boys and eight girls—all of whom are living. They are as follows: Elizabeth, Mary Ann, John J., James S., Elmira, Sarah, Emily, David A. (at home), Clara, Seth W., Atlanta and Laura M.

Mr. Simler served one term in the State Legislature, being the first native-born citizen to represent Harrison county. The Constitutional Convention was in session at the time, which brought him in contact with many prominent men throughout the State. He is a member of Mauckport Masonic Lodge, and is at present a justice of the peace. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church. He received a paralytic stroke some years ago, which has confined him at home. He has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and cast his first Presidential vote for Van Buren in 1836. He owns 400 acres of excellent land, of which he has fifteen acres in fine fruit.

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JAMES S. SIMLER was born April 3, 1843, in this county, and is a son of Isabel and John (Stephenson) Simler, also natives of this county. He was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. In September, 1862, he enlisted in the Thirty-fourth Kentucky Infantry, remaining in the service until the close of the war. His regiment was on reserve duty a good deal, and he participated in no severe battles, but was in a number of skirmishes. He was sick for sixteen months and contracted rheumatism, from which he is still a sufferer. After his return home he received a paralytic stroke, which made him a cripple.

He is a member of the W. T. Jones Post, G. A. R., at New Amsterdam. He was married October 6, 1866, to Martha J. Burrows, born in October, 1851, a daughter of Solomon Burrows, a native of Pennsylvania, a shoemaker by trade and a soldier in the late war. They have two children: Stella

May, born May 13, 1873, and John S., born February 28, 1877; two others died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Simler are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Simler owns 87 acres of land, about twenty of which are in fruit, mostly apples, comprising the finest varieties.

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ALVIN E. SMITH, M. D., was born in this county (Harrison), February 22, 1862, and is a son of Samuel S. and Anna (Gochenour) Smith, natives of Harrison county and Virginia. His grandfather, Thomas Smith, came from Westmoreland county, Virginia, to this county, in 1807, and located in the southern part of what is now Harrison township. The subject, Alvin E., was reared on his father's farm, educated in this county, and read medicine with Dr. John E. Lawson, of Corydon. He entered the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, in 1882, from which he graduated two years later. He commenced practice at Mauckport, in this county, and has won a good practice. He is a Democrat in politics, and an Odd Fellow, and a trustee of the lodge at Mauckport.

He was nominated by his political friends, the Democrats, for Circuit Clerk of the county, in the fall of 1888, and after a bitter contest and hard fight he was elected. He assumed the duties of the office immediately after the election.

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CHARLES W. SMITH was born in Butler county, Pa., March 7, 1811, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Smith, the former a native of Ireland.

He emigrated to America and settled in Cumberland county, Pa., where he married. Believing in Horace Greeley's advice to go West, he came to Indiana, and after wandering around for a time, settled in Harrison county, which was then almost a wilderness. Here the remainder of his life was spent. Charles W. was reared on his father's farm and received such education as was to be obtained in the country schools. January 29, 1839, he was married to Miss Lavina Zenor, a daughter of John W. Zenor, who was born in 1793, and married to Mary McIntosh. He was a man of considerable prominence, and represented Harrison county several times in the legislature. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1850; died May 23, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had three children, viz: John Thomas, Mary Elizabeth and Eliza M. John T. received a collegiate education, and served as assistant superintendent of schools, under Superintendent Bloss, of Indianapolis. He secured a position as postal clerk under President Garfield, from which he was promoted to clerkship in the Adjutant General's office at Washington City, where he still is engaged. After giving his children each a good education, and also a good farm to start them in life, Mr. Smith still has sufficient of the world's goods to make him and his good wife comfortable the remainder of their days. They are exemplary members of the Presbyterian Church, and have been for many years.

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CAPT. WILLIAM SONNER was born in Shenandoah county, Va., in 1798; he came to this county with his father, Philip P. Sonner, who was also a Virginian by



birth, in 1817, settling in the Ripperdan Valley, Washington township. Prominently among the early families who settled in that locality about the same time, might be mentioned the Loppes, Franks, Fleshmans, who settled in 1805; John Ripperdan, who came in 1807; the Maucks, who were among the settlers of Mauckport, and the Applegates, who settled 1807.

In 1825, William Sonner bought the farm he now lives on, and has continuously lived there ever since, and is now in his ninety-first year.

He was married September 16, 1824, to Miss Mary, daughter of John Ripperdan, Kentuckian by birth. He has reared a family of eight children.

In the early history of the State he served as Captain in the State Militia, subsequently served as Major and Quartermaster of the regiment, and was conspicuous as an officer until the regiment was disbanded.

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JOHN P. SONNER was born in Harrison county, Jan. 17, 1829, and is a son of William and Mary (Ripperdan) Sonner; the former was a native of Virginia, born in the Shenandoah valley near where Sheridan made his famous ride. The Ripperdaus were from Kentucky, and were of German origin. William Sonner came to Indiana in 1817, and settled in the Ripperdan Valley, where the family has since lived. John Ripperdan, grandfather of John P. Sonner, died in 1844, and his wife in 1861. John P., the subject of this sketch, was brought up on a farm and educated at the State University, at Bloomington, but failed to graduate on account of ill health.

In 1861 he married Sarah Faith, daugh-

ter of Jacob Faith, who is still living near Mauckport. He was a Kentuckian by birth, and emigrated to Indiana about 1824. He has two brothers living near him: Thomas, aged 83 years, and Abram, 81 years, and he himself, 79 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonner have had born to them ten children, viz: Homer, Medora, Mary A., Bertram (deceased), Horace (died in infancy), John P., Claudia R., William H. (deceased), Sarah E. and Jacob T., the youngest. Medora is the wife of Amos Lemon, clerk of the court. Mr. Sonner has been township trustee two years; township assessor two years; justice of the peace three terms, serving his third term now, and has been clerk of the Indiana Legislature two sessions, 1853-55. He and his family are members of the Methodist church, and in politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

He was a candidate for the Legislature in 1856, against John Lemon, Sr., and was only defeated by 101 votes, running ahead of the State ticket. He was nominated in 1858 for clerk of the court, but declined the race three weeks before the election. His vocation in life, aside from the offices he has held, has been school-teaching; and he ranks as one of the best teachers of his day, and one of the best-educated men in the township.

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JAMES W. STALLINGS was born on a farm in Webster township, Harrison county, Indiana, October 30, 1832, and is the son of William and Nancy R. (Rogers) Stallings; the former born in Butler county, Kentucky, January 21, 1782, and the latter in Virginia, December 30, 1791. William Stallings was the son of Samuel and Sarah Stallings. He was a farmer, re-

moved to Harrison county, Indiana, and died October 22, 1868. His wife, Nancy Rogers Stallings, was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Rogers, and died November 26, 1875. To them were born thirteen children, of whom James W. was the youngest but one. He (James W., the subject) was brought up on the farm and educated in the common schools. He was married to Eleanor Wright, August 30, 1855, a daughter of William and Melinda Wright, and was born August 31, 1838. They had two children, Woodford J., born June 29, 1856; John E., February 25, 1858, and died November 2, 1884. Mrs. Stallings died May 22, 1860, and October 17, 1861, Mr. Stallings married Alizan Abel, daughter of Peter and Mary Abel, natives of Harrison county. To them were born seven children, viz: Lizzie, July 30, 1862; Ulysses G., May 1, 1865; James P., December 7, 1868; Charles, July 11, 1871; Frank O., June 9, 1876; Minnie A., December 19, 1878, and Lavina E., April 17, 1880. Mr. Stallings enlisted September 23, 1864, in Co. G, Fifty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged June 25, 1865, by expiration of his term of service.

After the war was over he returned to his home and resumed his farm duties. He now lives on the old homestead, entered by his father, and in fact lives in the house in which he was born. All of his children but two were born in the same house. He owns 160 acres of land and is a prosperous farmer. He is a local minister of the M. E. Church, of which he has been a member for many years.

WILFORD STEPHENS was born in Boone township, Harrison county, Ind.,

Sept. 21, 1831, and is a son of Alfred Stephens, and a grandson of Nathaniel Stephens. The latter was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving all through it and taking part in most of its battles. His wife was Elizabeth Fitzgerald. They had but one child Alfred Stephens. The latter was reared on a farm and received but the limited educational facilities of that time. He became a steamboat pilot, and followed it for a number of years. He married Elizabeth Stephens, a daughter of John and Stacy (Tull) Stephens. To them were born ten children, of whom Wilford, the subject of this sketch, was the third. He was brought up on the farm and educated in the common schools. He married Miss Elizabeth Crosier, May 14, 1856. She was born Oct. 2, 1833, and is the daughter of Adam and Sarah Crosier, natives of New York, but who settled in Indiana (Harrison county) in 1816. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have had seven children, viz: Kate, born Feb. 27, 1858; Belle, June 7, 1860; Ann Eliza, Oct. 21, 1862; Edna, April 13, 1865; Alfred, Nov. 27, 1867; Adam, March 2, 1870; Mary, Dec. 25, 1872. Mary died Aug. 16, 1885, and Adam died Aug. 26, 1885. Mr. Stephens enlisted in Co. E., 144th Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge Aug. 15, 1865. After leaving the army he returned home and engaged in saw-milling, and in other timber enterprises with considerable success for ten years, when he disposed of his saw-mill and all of his land except forty acres. On this he now lives, having comparatively retired from active business pursuits.

WILLIAM H. H. STEPP was born in Butler county, Pa., November 27, 1835, and is

a son of Michael and Catherine (Heckhart) Stepp, the former born in Northumberland county, Pa., in 1797; the latter was also born in 1797. The elder Stepp was brought up on a farm and received but a limited education. To them were born thirteen children. About 1837 they emigrated to Missouri, remaining there until 1838, when they returned to their old Pennsylvania home. He died in 1877; she died in 1882. The subject of this sketch, William H. H. Stepp, was reared on a farm and was fairly educated. He was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and became a skillful workman. At the commencement of the war, at the President's first call for troops, he enlisted April 20, 1861. He served for three months in Thirteenth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was discharged, his term having expired. September 11, 1861, he re-enlisted in Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was discharged a First Sergeant, to accept the appointment of Second Lieutenant, March 11, 1865, of Co. B. He was promoted to First Lieutenant August 6, 1865. And finally discharged September 11, 1865. During his service he participated in the following general battles and skirmishes: Neal's Bend, Hoover's Gap, Lavergne, Stone River, Tullahoma, Dug Gap, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Buzzard Roost, Dalton, Resacca, Burnt Hickory, Picket's Mills, Altoona, Pulaski, Florence, Kenesaw Mountain, beside numerous skirmishes. At the conclusion of the war he returned to Butler county, Pa., followed his trade of carpenter until 1870, when he came West and settled in Harrison county, Ind. The same year he married Miss Lydia A. Lamb, a daughter of John and Martha Lamb, who was born in Harrison county. They have had seven children, six of whom are still living, viz: Mary C.,

Clara E., Altha A., Jessie J., Julia E., Winnie Z. and John C. Mary C. died May 27, 1877.

He has carried on his trade of carpentering, and followed farming also, and between the two has accumulated considerable property. He is generous, hospitable and benevolent, and never took a drink of whisky or smoked a cigar or tasted tobacco in his life.

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STROTHER M. STOCKSLAGER was brought up a "farmer's boy," and, as his name indicates, is of German origin. He was born on the banks of the Ohio river, Mauckport, Harrison county, Ind., May 7, 1842.

He received his primary education in the common schools of his native county, and was a teacher at seventeen years of age. He finished his education in the Corydon Seminary and the State University, at Bloomington.

He enlisted in the Federal army as a private, and was mustered out a Captain in the Thirteenth Regiment Indiana Cavalry. After the war he studied law and was admitted to the bar.

Upon the recommendation of Congressman M. C. Kerr, President Johnson appointed him Assessor of Internal Revenue for his District.

In 1871 he commenced the practice of law in Corydon, Ind., and continued at it until September, 1885. He is regarded as one of the best lawyers in Southern Indiana.

In 1874 he was elected to the State Senate, and served on Judiciary Committee, taking high rank as a clear-headed legislator. In 1880 he was elected a Representative to the Forty seventh Congress and

re-elected to the Forty-eighth Congress in 1882. He was made Chairman of the Committee of Public Grounds, and was on the Committee on Pensions, also. In Congress he was regarded as a man of ability and as indefatigable worker.

At the close of Mr. Stockslager's term in Congress, the Indiana Congressional Delegation, together with Vice-President Hendricks and ex-Senator McDonald, united in presenting his name to the President for Commissioner of the General Land Office.

After the appointment of General Sparks to that office, he was appointed Assistant Commissioner, which position he held until his recent promotion to that of Commissioner. His appointment is generally designated as the "right man in the right place." Since his appointment, he has instituted some important reforms in the methods of transacting business in his overburdened bureau. His energies have been untiringly devoted to the protection of settlers and home-seekers on the public lands of the United States, and against land grabbers, cattle syndicates and corporations. Although his term in this position will be brief, his services there will be worthy of favorable comparison with those of his illustrious predecessors from Indiana—Whitcomb and Hendricks.

In politics, Captain Stockslager has always been a straight-out Democrat of the Jefferson type.

On July 10, 1873, he was married to Miss Kate M. Miller, daughter of G. W. Miller, of Corydon.

JAMES R. TABLER is a native of this county (Harrison), and was born February 15, 1834. He is a son of John and Patsy (Jones) Tabler, and was brought up on a farm, attended the public school, and remained

on the farm until 1864, when he went to Illinois, and spent four years in Livingston and Coles counties, farming. He then came back to Harrison county and engaged in stock trading for two years. He then worked on a farm, then engaged in butchering in Corydon, and in the spring of 1878 engaged in hotel and whisky business. In 1880 bought the hotel building now kept by P. A. Eurton, but the building was burned in 1883, and he rebuilt it. He now owns it and the livery stable and saloon adjoining it. Mr. Sluck has the livery stable rented. Mr. Tabler owns the two-story frame house now occupied by Huseman and others; also a saloon in Leavenworth. He was married in October, 1861, to Miss Harriet Lilly, the daughter of Richard Lilly, Esq., of this county. The parents of Mr. Tabler came to Harrison county in 1813, when it was a wilderness. They fought the wolves and bears, hunted deer and wild turkeys. His father died in 1882, aged 92 years; his mother died in 1855. Mr. Tabler is a member of the Knights of Honor.

CHARLES W. THOMAS, County Superintendent of Schools of Harrison county, was born near Lanesville (this county), May, 27, 1854, and is a son of John A. and Elizabeth Harriet Thomas, born in Harrison county, and were among the pioneers. Both of his (subject's) grandfathers settled in the county about 1800—paternal grandfather came from North Carolina and was of English descent; maternal grandfather came from Pennsylvania and was of German origin.

John A. Thomas, the father of subject, was one of the pioneer school-teachers of

Harrison county, and taught many terms in the county when it contained the State capital.

The subject was reared on the farm, and received his education in the common schools. He attended Marengo Academy, and subsequently went to Lebanon, Ohio, and then to Valparaiso, Ind., from which he graduated in 1880, having taken a classical course.

He was elected County Superintendent of Schools of Harrison county in 1884, and discharged the duties of the office with signal ability. He is one of the editors of the *Harrison County Democrat*, founded by D. J. Murr in 1886, and is an able and influential paper. Mr. Thomas is a prominent member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities.

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GEORGE W. THOMPSON was born in Harrison county, September 9, 1842, and is a son of Nathaniel W. and Elizabeth (Windell) Thompson; the former a native of this county, and the latter of Virginia. The elder Thompson was a son of Henry Thompson, a native of Virginia; born about 1780; moved to Indiana and settled in this county, and died in 1830. He married Sarah Moreland, who was born in Virginia, and died in Harrison county in 1859.

Nathaniel Thompson was raised on a farm, and was also a millwright. He built a number of mills in this and adjoining counties. He died in September, 1877. To him and his wife, Elizabeth Windell Thompson, were born ten children, of whom George, the subject, was the eldest. He was brought up as a farmer and received a good practical education. He was married December 29, 1868, to Miss Mary F.

Howsley, a daughter of William Howsley, a native of Nashville Tenn., and born in 1822. His wife was Margaret Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have had nine children, namely: Robert E., born October 4, 1869 (died July 16, 1870); Maggie L., born November 17, 1870; William F., born July 3, 1873; Alma K., born February 26, 1875; Mary E., born July 17, 1877; Nathaniel E., born January 21, 1881; Minnie R., born December 31, 1883; George W., born November 1, 1885, and Venus A., born February 14, 1888.

Mr. Thompson enlisted in Co. H, Fourth Indiana Cavalry, July 3, 1862, and was discharged July 9, 1865, his term of service having expired. Participating in all the hard service of his regiment, after the war was over he returned home and engaged in teaching, which he followed for twenty-one years. He also carried on farming and did odd jobs at carpentering. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Resides on his farm in Boone township, and is an exemplary citizen.

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WM. NEAL TRACEWELL was born in Wood county, W. Va., February 18, 1827, and is a son of Edward and Terese (Neal) Tracewell, natives of Culpepper county, Va., and of Maryland. Grandfather was a native of England, and a minister of the Church of England, came to this country about 1784 and located in Culpepper county, as above. The Neals are also English. Wm. Neal, the subject, was reared and educated in Wood county until twenty years of age, and finished off his education at Asbury Academy, at Parkersburg. On leaving school, he went to Front Royal, Va., to read law. He was married

in 1848 to Miss Louisa Brown, a native of Warren county, Va. He remained there as a clerk until 1853, when he came to Corydon, and shortly after was admitted to the bar. He is now the oldest member of the bar of Corydon. His son, Robert J., is at the head of the Corydon bar, and a partner with his father. He was born in Virginia, in 1852, received a liberal education, graduating from Hanover College, and admitted to the bar in 1875, and has risen rapidly in his profession by a close application to study and to his duties.

JAMES TROTTER, Harrison county, was born in Ireland, January 1, 1812, and is a son of Hamilton and Nancy (Stringer) Trotter, natives of the "Green Isle." The elder Trotter came to America, landing in Baltimore in 1816, and came here in 1826, settling in Heth township.

He was a man of intelligence, well educated, a Presbyterian, and died in 1844.

James, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, and received a good practical education. Since his manhood, about 1830, has followed flatboating to New Orleans. He built several boats and loaded them, taking them safely down to the Southern country. During the war he, of course, had to cease the business, but in 1866 he began again. He has, perhaps, done as much flatboating as any man in the State, taking out, usually, three or four boats a year; but has done nothing in that line since 1887. He was married in 1838, to Miss Lydia Fleshman, a native of this county, and a daughter of Jonas Fleshman, who settled here about 1808, and has farmed all his life. Mr. and Mrs. Trotter have four children living, viz: John

M., Sarah Ann, Hugh A. and Molly Jane. Mr. Trotter owns 243 acres of land, well improved, and is a prosperous business man. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

JOHN W. VIERS was born in Hardin county, Ky., April 17, 1835, and is a son of William T. and Sarah (Dowdall) Viers. The former was a son of Nathan Viers, a native of Maryland, born March 24, 1774; the latter was a daughter of William and Mary Dowdall, natives of Maryland. John W., the subject of this sketch, was the eldest of nine children, and was reared on the farm, receiving a common-school education. He enlisted September 5, 1863, in Co. K, Ninety-first Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and was discharged March 23, 1864, by reason of expiration of his term of service. He returned home and resumed his farming, which he follows at this time.

JOHN WALTERS, Sr., Harrison county, was born in Beren, Paltz-Londow, within eighteen miles of the French line, February 28, 1817, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Conrad) Walters, natives of Germany. Father came to the United States in 1834, and located in this county. He served eleven years in the army of Napoleon Bonaparte before coming to this country—operating in Russia, Spain and France. The subject of this sketch, John Walters, is a plain and unostentatious farmer, and has lived in this county many years. In 1839, he was married to Miss Catherine Kiefer, a native of New Orleans.

They have twelve children living and three dead. He owns 120 acres of land, well improved and in a fine state of cultivation. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is an upright and honorable citizen.

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WILFORD N. WATKINS, a prominent farmer of Washington township, was born in 1829, in Scott county, Mo., and moved to Harrison county, Ind., with his parents, in 1834. His father, Stephen, was a carpenter by trade, and his paternal grandfather, James Watkins, was a native of Virginia, who left that State in about 1819, coming to Shepherdsville, Ky., where he remained but a short time, when he settled in Harrison county and here continued to reside till his death in 1847. The mother of our subject was Eliza Donally, a native of Mississippi, whose family were of Welsh origin. Mr. Watkins was the third son born to this union; his two brothers older were William and John, who are both dead, and two sisters, whose names were respectively Eliza J. and Martha, who are also dead.

W. H. Watkins was married in 1852, to Miss Anna Eliza McCray, a lady of superior worth and a daughter of Wheeler G. McCray, a native of Vermont, and a prominent and early settler in Floyd county. To this marriage have been born four children: Dr. Edward E., of Jeffersonville, Ind., and Frank. The other two, George and William, are dead.

In 1862 Mr. Watkins joined the Twelfth Indiana Battery, as a private soldier; he was in the hard-fought battle of Pittsburg Landing, and many others. He remained with his regiment about two years, when he was discharged for disability. After

enlisting he soon became senior lieutenant of his company, and virtually had charge of the same until he was discharged in 1864. He returned to Indiana and located at Jeffersonville, and for a short time was engaged in steamboating, when, in 1866, he removed to his beautiful farm in Washington township, where he has since been extensively engaged in the fruit and stock raising business. There are sixty acres of his 200 acres in an apple orchard, and one of the finest in the county. He is a staunch Republican in politics, member of the Christian Church, and one of the leading farmers of Harrison county.

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CHARLES H. WILLIAR was born April 13, 1833, and is a son of Nathan and Sarah (Kinzer) Williar, natives of Maryland. The former was born May 6, 1792, and was of German and French origin; the latter was a daughter of John Kinzer, who died in Frederick county, Md. The elder Williar (Nathan) was a farmer, and meagerly educated, as educational facilities at that day were limited, though he could speak both German and English fluently. He was married to Sarah Kinzer in 1821, and in 1824 emigrated to the West, and settled in Harrison county, Ind., where he died in 1846. His widow survived him a quarter of a century, and died in 1871. Charles H., the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in a family of five children, and was born on the farm where he now lives, and which he now owns.

In 1862 he enlisted in Co. M, Third, Indiana Cavalry, and was discharged April 27, 1865, by expiration of his term of service. At the close of the war he returned home and resumed farming. He

was married to Miss Lucy Benthly, in 1870, a native of Harrison county, and was born December 8, 1840, and died November 23, 1883. She was a daughter of George and Rebecca Benthly; the former was a man of considerable prominence, having served acceptably as Circuit Judge, and also as representative of Harrison county, in the lower house of the Legislature. His wife, Rebecca, was a daughter of Ignatius and Kitty Able, of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Williar had three children, viz: Walter K., born March 21, 1872; Harry A., born September 6, 1876; and Althea L., born October 28, 1879. Mr. Williar is a man highly esteemed in his neighborhood, and is a prosperous farmer and an estimable citizen.

JOHN L. WOLFORD was born at Lanesville, Harrison county, July 23, 1847, and is a son of John Wolford, who was a prominent merchant and business man of Lanesville for more than forty years. He died in 1885, leaving two children, John L. and Mrs. John J. Schulten, of Louisville, Ky.

The subject of this sketch was brought up in Lanesville, and was educated in the Catholic school of the town, and graduated from the Notre Dame Commercial College in 1867.

After leaving school he was engaged for two years in the Auditor's office at Corydon as a clerk, and then began merchandizing at Lanesville, which business he still follows, and in which he has been very successful.

He was appointed Postmaster of Lanesville in 1879 under Postmaster-General Key.

He was married in 1877 to Miss Katie Endris, of Lanesville; they have three children living—two boys and one girl, viz: Gertie, John J., and Frank. By close attention to business Mr. Wolford has worked up an excellent trade, and become one of the prosperous men of the town. He is a man of sterling honesty, and a member of the Catholic church.

JAMES WOODWARD one of the prominent men and influential citizens of Harrison county, was born in Marion county, Ky., on the 20th of September, 1834, and is a son of William and Julia (Dyer) Woodward, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Maryland. The elder Woodward came to Harrison county in 1845, and settled in Washington township; he was a shoemaker by trade. James, the subject, was brought up on the farm, and received a common-school education. At the age of 19 he commenced flatboating to New Orleans, carrying produce and trading all through the South. For thirty-five years he followed this trade, doing \$50,000 of business in the South. Since the war he has followed trading and farming. In 1855 he was married to Miss Rebecca Cunningham, a native of Harrison county, and a daughter of James Cunningham, who was born in Kentucky. She died in 1881, leaving two children surviving her—James and Nannie, wife of Geo. W. Windell, Jr. In 1883 Mr. Woodward was married to Mrs. Mollie Bennett, of this county.

He was elected auditor of Harrison county in 1886, over Charles W. Cole, by 196 majority. He is a member of the K. of P. and of the Knights of Honor. He



owns an excellent farm of 300 acres of land, also owns another tract of 70 acres.

Mr. Woodward is well known among Southern merchants, with whom for many years he has been brought in frequent contact, and some of his most substantial friends are among that class of people. As a man and citizen at home, where he is still better known, he is well liked. Unselfish to a fault, liberal in his opinions, affable and courteous in manner, and is one of the few men in politics who is popular with Republican and Democrat alike.

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GEORGE R. WRIGHT was born in Philadelphia in July, 1818, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Hall) Wright, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Philadelphia. The elder Wright's father was among the very first Revolutionary heroes, and participated in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill. The family is of English origin, and, according to tradition, came over in the "Mayflower."

Elizabeth Hall Wright's father was a Revolutionary soldier, and was under Washington at Germantown and Philadelphia. After the war was over he settled near the tree under which William Penn made his treaty with the Indians.

George, the subject, was born, reared and educated in Philadelphia. He is the second in a family of eight children, all of whom are living. His father was a steamboat builder, and came to Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1814, and built some of the first steamboats built at the Falls of the Ohio. He was one of the number who repaired Commodore Perry's boat after his famous victory on Lake Erie. He settled in New Albany, Floyd county, Ind., in 1844. He

came to Harrison county in 1868, and settled on the river, near Bridgeport.

He was married in 1846 to Miss Mary Jones, a native of Kentucky, of the same family of Aquilla Jones, of Indianapolis. They have eight children living.

Mr. Wright has belonged to the order of Odd Fellows forty years, at New Albany.

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ALONZO WRIGHT, farmer, Washington township. He was born on the farm he now resides on in 1849. His father, Joel Wright, was a native of Kentucky, and an early settler in the county. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Wright, settled in the county, and was also born in Kentucky. His maternal grandfather, Richard McMahon, came to Harrison county in 1806, and at that time there were very few white families in the county. He settled on Indian creek; was a Lieutenant in the War of '12, and killed in the battle of Tippecanoe. Joel and Rosannah H. Wright had born to them eleven children: Martha, Pheba Matilda, E. J., Harriet A., Sarah E., Wm. M., Anna H. and Joel W., who are all dead. Richard H., Sarah and Alonzo are the only surviving children. Joel died in Dec., 1864, at 80 years of age. Alonzo Wright is a thrifty farmer of Harrison county, and was married in October, 1875, to Miss Mary, daughter of Thomas Ballard. They have five children, of whom four are living: William, born August 11, 1876; Edith, August 4, 1878; Rosa F., November 15, 1880; Charles R., May 16, 1883, and died February 18, 1888.

Mr. Wright is a member of M. E. Church at Wesley Chapel, and has a farm of 100 acres, located one-half mile south of Valley City.

MRS. ROSANAH H. WRIGHT (deceased) was born February 23, 1808, and there is little doubt as to her being the first white child born in Indiana. She was left an orphan at the age of four years by the death of her father, Lieut. Richard McMahon, who fell at the battle of Tippecanoe. She was married to Mr. Joel Wright, September 9, 1824, and lived a happy wedded life till his death, September 23, 1865. She was the mother of eleven children, five sons and six daughters; only two of them are living. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1839, under the preaching of the Rev. William Daniel, and was a member of the first class organized at Wesley Chapel, then Corydon Circuit. She lived a consistent Christian life. She died July 24, 1888, trusting in her Saviour, who sustained and comforted her through life. She was kind, patriotic, hospitable and generous. Her house was ever open to the poor pioneer preachers of all denominations.

"Let faith look up, let sorrow cease,  
 She lives with Christ o'erhead;  
 Yes, faith beholds where she sits,  
 With Jesus clothed in white;  
 Our loss is her eternal gain,  
 She dwells in cloudless light."

SAMUEL J. WRIGHT (deceased) was a native of this county, and was born July 8, 1824, within three miles of Corydon. He was brought up on the farm until he was thirteen years of age, when he entered the Clerk's office under Capt. Heth, remaining in that position until he was twenty-one years of age. He was then elected Auditor of Harrison county for four years. Serving out his term, he, in 1850, engaged in the mercan-

tile business, which he continued until 1866, when he sold out. While merchandizing, he also ran the Eclipse Mills, owning an interest in them until 1873. He was a large owner and treasurer in the New Albany, Louisville and Corydon Turnpike Road. In 1867 he was re-elected Auditor of the county on the Republican ticket. He then engaged in the law, which he continued to the time of his death, which occurred in 1884. He owned a farm a mile north of Corydon. His heirs still own it and his interest in the Pike Road. Mr. Wright was married in 1846, to Miss Sarah Ann Slaughter, of Corydon, daughter of Dr. James B. Slaughter. She died in 1857, leaving four children, two of whom are living—James E. and Sarah D.—both of whom are married and living in Corydon. Mr. Wright married a second time in 1858, Miss E. Wilson, a daughter of Hon. Geo. P. R. Wilson, a prominent man, who served several terms in the Legislature, and was a native of Kentucky. He lived on a farm, in this county, once owned by Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison. This second marriage of Mr. Wright resulted in seven children, as follows: Charles W., Edgar G., Oscar S., Rosa, Frank R., Fanny G. and Mary. Mrs. Wright's mother was a daughter of Capt. Spier Spencer, who was with Gen. Harrison at Tippecanoe, and was killed in that battle. Capt. Spencer's wife, Elizabeth Polk, was captured by the Indians when only six years old, and kept with them until she nearly forgot her own language.

DAVID W. YOUTSTER, farmer and fruit-grower, was born in Harrison county, Ind., May 26, 1837, son of William and Sarah (Rogers) Youtster. The former, a native of Kentucky, came to Indiana in 1800,

and was one of those hardy pioneers who made "the wilderness to rejoice and blossom as the rose;" the latter was of Irish origin, and came to the United States while quite young, first settling with her parents in Pennsylvania, but subsequently moved to Indiana, and settled in this county, where she died in 1882. David W., the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, and received a common-school education. He was married Aug. 1, 1871, to Nancy B. Cunningham, a daughter of Samuel Cunningham, Esq. Three children were born of this marriage, viz: Thomas H., born June 22, 1872; David W., Dec.

1873; James E., Sept. 13, 1882. Mr. Youtster owns 156 acres of fine land, well improved. It is located on the Ohio river, about three miles above New Amsterdam, and about forty acres of it are in fruit, mostly apples, comprising all the finest varieties; it turned out over 2,000 barrels of apples last year. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, New Amsterdam Lodge, No. 650; also a member of the Masonic order of Mauckport lodge, and he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Beechwood. Politically he is a Republican, and one of the foremost and most substantial farmers of his township.

WILLIAM T. ZENOR, Circuit Judge, was born in Harrison county, Ind., three miles east of Corydon, April 30, 1846. His parents, Philip and Anna C. Zenor, were natives, the father of Ohio, and the mother of Harrison county, Ind. The mother Anna C. Shuck, was the daughter of Christopher Shuck, a Pennsylvania German, who settled in Harrison county about 1790, about three miles east of the present site of Corydon. His grandfather, Jacob Zenor, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He fought in the battle of Tippecanoe, where he was wounded, being a lieutenant of the Spencer Rifles, led by Capt. Spier Spencer, of Corydon, who fell in the battle. He served as a member of the Indiana Legislature from its first session in 1816 to 1820-21.

Judge Zenor's father was born in 1810, came to Harrison county when a small boy, is still living, and has always been a farmer. The family is probably of French origin. The father served in the Second Indiana Volunteer Regiment of Infantry in the war with Mexico, with the rank of lieutenant, and draws a pension for his services.

Judge Zenor was reared on his father's farm, educated in the common schools of the county, and graduated from the High School at Salem, Ind., under Prof. May.

He read law under Judge D. W. LaFollette, at New Albany, and was admitted to practice in 1869 in the Harrison County Circuit Court.

In 1871 he moved to Leavenworth, Crawford county, and for five years, under appointment by the Governor and two elections by the people, he served faithfully, energetically and successfully as Prosecuting Attorney of that Judicial Circuit.

In 1882 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State.

In 1884, he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court for Harrison and Crawford counties without opposition, the people of both counties recognizing his high legal abilities and fitness for this honorable and responsible position. His popularity with the people is the reward of a life of honor and usefulness and of noble qualities of manhood. He carried with him to the bench abilities of the highest order, and presides in the Circuit Court of his circuit with dignity and justice.

In 1873 Judge Zenor was married to Miss Emma Lynn, daughter of Mr. Pierson Lynn, of Lanesville, Harrison county, and a lady of rare accomplishments. Judge Zenor is a self-made man; he enjoyed none of the educational advantages of the present era, nevertheless he is a man of scholarly acquirements, a student of industry and research, the hewer out of his own fortune and the honest architect of his own fame. No citizen of Harrison or Crawford county is held in higher esteem by the people of the two counties than Judge William T. Zenor.



*Wm. J. Brown*



HON. PETER M. ZENOR, one of the retired farmers of Harrison county and ex-member of the Legislature, was born on the farm on which he still resides, in Posey township, June 11, 1820.

He is the second son of Col. John and Polly Zenor (*nee* McIntosh). Col. John Zenor was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., from where he emigrated, in 1808, to Harrison county, Ind., and was prominent in the early history of the county. He was Colonel of the early State Militia and led certain expeditions against the Indians, and, for his meritorious service in battle, was awarded land grants by the President of United States.

He was a member of the Legislature in 1836, when the "Internal Improvement Act" was passed and became a law; and served his county continuously up to 1850. He was strong and influential as a member, taking an active part in all measures that were for the building up and development of the young State.

In politics, Col. Zenor was a staunch Whig, but he was universally liked by both parties, and respected for his ability, honesty and integrity. In 1850, when the county had the selection of a member to the State Constitutional Convention, Col. Zenor was chosen over the late Judge William A. Porter, and as a member of that body his services were conspicuous and useful.

Among his contemporaries in the Legislature were: Frederick Leslie and Dennis Pennington, of Harrison county, and Harbin H. Moore and John S. Davis, of Floyd county. His work in the Constitutional Convention was the last of his public services.

Peter M. Zenor's uncle, Jacob Zenor, was also a man of prominence, having served the county as a member of the Leg-

islature while the capital was at Corydon.

Mr. Peter M. Zenor is the only living son of his father's family. Was brought up on the farm. His early school advantages were meagre acquiring his education principally after he arrived at man's estate. His early life was principally spent in his father's "Old Horse Mill," which ground all the wheat and corn for miles around.

December 6, 1838, he was married to Miss Elizabeth S., daughter of Joshua Farnsley, a pioneer of the county, and a man of great worth to the community, a native of Kentucky, one of early magistrates of the county, and a real estate owner, and died in 1870.

Our subject before the war was elected to the office of Magistrate and served in that office for four years. During the war he was elected to the office of County Commissioner, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Col. Jacob Free, who was killed in the Morgan raid.

In 1868, was elected to the lower house of the Legislature, and was one of the members who filibustered against the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment, and subsequently, to thwart same being accomplished, resigned, along with many others of his party, the Democrat members, and later on, when Governor Baker called a special session, he was elected as his own successor, and when the Amendment again came up for consideration, he again resigned, with a number of others, sufficient to break the quorum, and the Amendment did not pass through that session.

In 1870 he was again elected to that body and served as Chairman of the Committee on County and Township Business, and was also Chairman of the Committee on Rules, as well as the Committee on Claims.

In 1876 he again served his county in

the capacity of County Commissioner for six years.

Mr. Zenor's wife died in 1882; since that time he has held no public office.

He has living two children—Joshua F. and Frances J. Zenor. Mr. Zenor is living a retired life with his son, one that has been useful, and one worthy as a model for the young men of the country. Mr. Zenor's grandfather, Peter McIntosh, for whom he was named, was prominently connected with the early history of the county, serving as one of the Probate Judges for a number of years.

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ELHANAN W. ZIMMERMAN was born on a farm, in Harrison county, September 26, 1836, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Brown) Zimmerman—the former born in Maryland about 1790, emigrated to Indiana, settling in Harrison county, where he died about 1840. His wife, Elizabeth (Brown) Zimmerman, was also born in Maryland, and died in this county in 1844. Elhanan, whose name heads this sketch, is the seventh in a family of nine children. He was reared on a farm

and educated in the common schools. His life passed quietly until the beginning of the civil war, when, in July, 1861, he enlisted in Co. B, Forty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Regiment (Third Indiana Cavalry), and was discharged August 31, 1864, by reason of expiration of his term of service. He returned home and resumed farming. On the 27th of November, 1867, he was married to Miss Lucinda Shoemaker, born in Harrison county, October 18, 1847, and is a daughter of Tandy and Nancy Shoemaker, natives of Kentucky and Floyd county, Ind., respectively. The former was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was with Gen. Jackson at the battle of New Orleans. Three of his sons, David, Marion, and George, followed his martial example, and served creditably in the late civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have had ten children, viz: David S., Nancy A., Wm. J., Sanford W., Claudius S., Wiley O., Eva L., Joan D., Governor P. and Bertha A. Mr. Zimmerman owns 130 acres of land, well improved and in a fine state of cultivation. He raises fruit, grain and grass, and is one of the prosperous farmers of the county. He has a saw-mill on Buck creek, with facilities for grinding corn and feed.





## JEFFERSON COUNTY.

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CAPT. JOSEPH C. ABBOTT is a native of Henry county, Ky., was born June 5, 1881. Came to Milton, Ky., with his parents at five years of age. He was raised in Milton, Trimble county, Ky., attending the city schools of Madison, Ind. Afterward he went to college at Carrollton, Ky. After finishing his education he engaged as clerk on the steamboat "Leonora," packet between Carrollton, Madison and Louisville, and continued as pilot and clerk for about two years. Then he took a trip down South on a flatboat. In 1874 he built the steamer "St. Francis Belle" at Cattlettsburg, Ky., and ran her in the St. Francis river, Ark., and afterward ran her in the White river, Ark., from Memphis, Tenn., to Jacksonport, Ark. In 1876 he brought her up and ran her from Louisville, Ky., to Leavenworth, Ind. In 1877 he took her to New Orleans and sold her.

He came home in 1877, and his father retired from the ferry business, and turned it over to him; he has continued in that business ever since. Mr. Abbott's parents were John M. and Mildred (Garriot) Abbott. His father was a native of Culpepper county, Va., born September 11, 1803, and came to

Kentucky in 1816. Is now living in Milton, and is very active for one of his age. His mother was a native of Trimble county, Ky. She died in 1875, at the age of 63.

Capt. Abbott was married in 1876 to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Nat. Williams, of Madison, Ind. He removed to Madison in 1876, and has resided there ever since. Capt. Abbott is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. He belongs to Masonic Order, and has taken the Thirty-second Degree in Masonry, is a member of Union Lodge, No. 2, in Madison, and belongs to the Consistory at Indianapolis. The Captain is also a member of the I. O. O. F., Madison Lodge, No. 72; also of Madison Lodge, No. 21, K. of P.; also of Red Men and Knights of Labor. Was chairman of the Democratic committee for eight years.

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CHARLES W. ALLFREY, school-teacher, was born in Switzerland county, Ind., and was raised on a farm. He is the son of Joseph Allfrey and Elizabeth Gray.

His father was a native of Nicholas county, Ky., born in 1798, of Virginia people. His grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Mr. Allfrey's mother was the daughter of James Gray, and was born in Virginia; she came to Indiana with her father in 1800, and settled in what is now Switzerland county. They were the earliest settlers of that county. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Mr. Allfrey was educated in the common schools of his county, and then took a course at the Woodward School, located in Cincinnati, Ohio. He commenced teaching in 1853, and followed it until 1869; then for two years he flatboated. In 1871 he was appointed School Examiner, and served at that for two years; then he went at the traffic of goods on the river. While from home on this business he was nominated on the Democratic ticket for Recorder of Jefferson county. He was elected to that office and served for four years; after which he resumed his profession as teacher, which he still follows.

When a boy he was engaged as cook on a flatboat, and in that capacity made quite a number of trips to New Orleans. He has made several trips through portions of the Southern country since he arrived at manhood. Mr. Allfrey is considered one of the best teachers of the county, and is well liked by scholars, parents and the school officers.

WILLIAM M. AMSDEN, County Superintendent of Public Schools, Smyrna township, the son of Caleb and Nancy (Moncrief) Amsden, was born July 28, 1857, in Smyrna township, Jefferson county, Ind.; was brought up in this township, attended the public schools of this county, and graduated from Hanover College in 1886. While attending college, during the vacations, for six years, from 1880 to 1886, for four months of each year, he acted as traveling salesman for McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, of Chicago, Ill. After graduating he was clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives, remaining there the session of 1887.

In June, 1887, was elected County Superintendent of Public Schools for Jefferson county, on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Amsden was married, April 19, 1888, to Miss Sophia Dean, daughter of Mr. A. C. Dean, of this township.

He was Deputy Assessor of Smyrna township from 1881 to 1885, four years; and has been a law student since 1881. He was made secretary of the Republican Committee from 1888 to 1890. He has been Delegate to two Republican State Conventions; to two Congressional and one Judicial Conventions. And is chairman of the Smyrna Precinct Committee. He was a candidate for the Legislature in 1888, but was defeated in convention.

His father, Caleb Amsden, was a native of New York State, and came to Indiana in

1830 and located in Jefferson county, at Madison. He was a traveling salesman for Mr. E. C. Barbour, of Madison. Has been a traveling salesman for the greater part of his life. In 1865 he located in Smyrna township, on a farm, where he has been ever since. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and is member of the Baptist Church at Wirt. He is now in the seventy-second year of his age.

Mrs. Amsden, the mother of the subject of this sketch, is a native of Jefferson county, Ind., and was the daughter of Abner Moncrief, who was a native of Kentucky, and came to this county in 1808, and was one of the first settlers of the county. He was a farmer, and died in 1872, at the age of seventy-two years. He was an active member of the Baptist Church at Wirt, and was a deacon of his church for many years. Mrs. Amsden is still living, being fifty-nine years old.

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CAPT. JOHN ARMSTRONG (deceased) was born in the State of Maryland, on the Susquehanna, about the year 1789; owing to the death of his father when he was quite young, and no family records remaining, the exact date of his birth is not positively known.

Captain Armstrong remembered Cold Friday—which was February 6, 1806, and always thought he was about seventeen years old at that time. His mother removed to Montgomery county, Ky., when

he was an infant, and there remained and died, leaving one half-sister to the Captain, named Axia Carson. The Captain was bound (as was the custom in those days, in Kentucky, with orphans), but he did not like his boss (he was a cabinet-maker), and ran away. He passed through Maysville, Ky., and finding a canoe there, he paddled down the Ohio to Sedansville, and from here made his way to Hamilton county, Ohio; there he found a home with an old lady named Scott, and lived with her for a short time. He next worked for a man named Moore for two years, at four dollars per month.

Later he worked for some years for Thomas Marshall, with whom he made his home for many years. In 1814 he embarked, as a bargeman, on the keelboat "None Such," and made a trip to New Orleans. The wages for the trip was \$40 for the downward trip, and \$100 for the upward trip. The "None Such" arrived at New Orleans a few days before the last battle of the war of 1812 was fought there by General Jackson against Packerham. Armstrong was on the barge at the time of the battle, and distinctly heard the noise of it. He followed the life of a keelboatman for some years, making four trips from Cincinnati and Pittsburgh to New Orleans and back. This was a slow business and it took about twelve months to make a round trip.

In 1819 he commenced steamboating as a deck hand on the old "Gen. Pike," the first steamer ever built in Cincinnati. "It was built and principally owned by John H.

Piatt. Jacob Strader, a clerk in Piatt's bank, was clerk on the vessel." Then Armstrong became pilot and afterward captain of many boats: "Rodolph," which he built, "Empress," and other boats that ran on the Kentucky river, and a number on the Ohio. He was at one time owner of the entire Mail Line from Cincinnati to Louisville. He continued at boating until June, 1847 (his family had been living on a farm for many years previous to this time), when he retired to his farm, in Jefferson county, Ind., above Brooksbury, at about the age of 56. In 1833 he had bought this farm, and had afterward improved it to suit his ideas of a home, so that it was all ready for him when he retired from the river: it had been his intention for many years to enjoy life as a farmer, and he did so for about thirty years. He died at his farm February 2, 1880.

In 1822 he was married to Miss Sarah Marshall, the daughter of Thomas Marshall, with whom he had made his home for many years. The issue of this marriage was seven children, viz: James, John, Thomas, George, Eliza Ann, Henrietta and Charles; of these, three are living: Thomas, George and Eliza Ann.

Mrs. Armstrong died January 16, 1838, and in 1839 Captain Armstrong married Harriet, a sister of his former wife, and they had six children, all of whom are living, viz: Sarah, Margaret, Frank, Florence, Florida and Harriet.

Capt. Armstrong was successful in business and accumulated quite a little fortune, and at the same time made for himself many friends in all the classes of life which he had passed through. He was a kind husband, father and friend, esteemed by all of his neighbors. His dust rests in peace in the burial place on his farm, which overlooks the river which he loved so well, and on which so much of his life was passed.

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HOLLY AUSTIN, a farmer near North Madison, was a native of Jackson county, Ohio, and was born in 1829, April 6. His parents were William and Sarah (Erwin) Austin, natives of Ohio and Virginia. His father is a farmer and is still living, at 84 years of age. Mr. Austin came to Jefferson county in 1848, and has been engaged in farming and saw-milling for the most of the time since then. He is now engaged in farming and making cider and vinegar. He makes vinegar during the entire year, from crab-apples. He has an orchard of 1200 trees on the farm; controls 277 acres of land. Mr. Austin was married in 1853 to Miss Aurelia Castle, of Licking county, Ohio. They have three children,—William A., Henry C. and Fred. Mr. Austin sent the first substitute to the war from Indiana—sending a substitute before there was a call for a draft in the State.

MATTHIAS BADER was a native of Germany, and the son of John and Katherine (Bihler) Bader; both of his parents died in Germany.

Matthias Bader was born December 3, 1826, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to this country in 1854, and located in Indiana in the same year. He went to work by the month on the farm, and continued to do so for about four years.

In 1858 he was married to Miss Mary Holwager, daughter of Frederick Holwager, a farmer of this county. After marrying, he rented a farm at money rent, and in 1861 he bought 40 acres of land, and since then has bought, at different times, land adjoining, until now he has a farm of 200 acres of good land, seven miles from Madison, very well improved and well stocked.

He has four children, three boys and one girl, viz: William and Annie, Charlie and Edward. William is now a farmer in Kansas; the others are at home.

Mr. Bader was drafted in 1864; for one year, was in Co. B, Fortieth Indiana Volunteers. He served nine months, and was in the battle of Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn. He was taken sick and sent to the hospital at Jeffersonville, where he was sick about two months, when he took small-pox, and was sent to the hospital at Louisville. He is a member of the M. E. Church at Kent.

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SAMUEL BAKER, farmer, Monroe township, was the son of a Dunkard

preacher, Michael Baker, a native of Maryland, whose father came from Germany and was sold for his passage money, for which he broke hemp for some time.

The mother of Samuel Baker was Catherine Everly, and belonged to one of oldest families of Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was born in Fayette county, Pa., July 14, 1817, and was raised on a farm until 18 years of age, when he came West, with two brothers, one of whom was a cabinet-maker. They landed at North Landing, near Rising Sun, Ind.

Mr. Baker served an apprenticeship of three years, with his brother, at the cabinet-making business, and then set up a shop of his own at Barkworks; he was a house joiner also.

He married, at the age of 22, Miss Nancy Wallick, whose grandmother was a daughter Col. Crawford, who was burned at the stake by the Indians. Mrs. Baker's grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier, a ranger and Indian spy, or scout, in the early days of Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker were the parents of three children, Elzina, Sylvania and Nancy. Mr. Baker's wife died about 1847. He remarried, in 1849, to Nancy J. Haddock, whose parents were natives of Indiana; the result of this union was three children: Alice, Belle and John. This wife died in 1865. Mr. Baker was married a third time, in 1866, to Sarah Kelley, daughter of William Kelley, a native of Pennsylvania. Some of his family are dead, the living are

in Texas and Indiana. John, the youngest son, is at home.

The greater part of Mr. Baker's life was spent in Switzerland county, Indiana, at his trade and in the undertaking business, though he had traveled in the Far West somewhat before the Territory was made into States.

In 1865 he bought a farm of 220 acres of good land in Jefferson county, near Bryantsburg, where he has since lived as a farmer.

He is an earnest Christian, a member of the Christian Church and a good citizen.

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GEORGE BARBER—firm of Barber & Cravens, paper manufacturers, Broadway and Fifth street Madison, Ind.—was born in Madison June 28, 1836, and reared here and attended the city schools. In 1854 he went on the river, learning the business of steamboat piloting from Cincinnati to New Orleans, which business he followed from 1858 to 1873. In the year 1873 he formed a partnership with Mr. Henry C. Watts, for the manufacture of paper, and built the mill in which he is at present making paper, the firm name being Watts & Barber. This firm continued until 1885, when Mr. Charles Cravens bought out Mr. Watts' interest. Since then the firm name has been Barber & Cravens. The mill turns out about 2,400 pounds of paper every twelve hours. They employ seven men, and sell the paper

principally in Louisville, St. Louis and Memphis. The parents of Mr. Barber were Timothy and Susan (Horton) Barber, and were natives of Connecticut and Ohio, both of them coming to Indiana when quite young. His father died in 1874, at the age of 71 years. His mother is still living. Mr. Barber was first married in 1859, to Miss Sallie Fisher, of Madison, Ind. She died in 1865, leaving two children, one of whom died the next year after its mother; the other, Carrie, is still living, and married to Mr. Charles Friedersdorff, of this city. Mr. Barber was married a second time to Miss Mary Zuck, daughter of Mr. Andrew Zuck, of this city. They have four children: Willie, Nellie, Clay W. and George Cravens. Mr. Barber is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Barber is a good citizen, of quiet, retiring disposition, and well liked by those who know him.

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WILLIAM BAXTER (deceased) was the son of James Baxter, who was a native of Ireland, and emigrated to this country in the last century, first locating in Pennsylvania, afterward removing to Ohio and settling near Dayton, or rather where that city now is; here he remained for a number of years, when he migrated to Jefferson county, Ind., and settled in what is now Monroe township, where he died.

The subject of this sketch was born near the Little Miami, Ohio, in 1804, and came to Jefferson county with his father

when quite young, and spent his youth and manhood days, and died August 25, 1861. He was a farmer, and by careful saving of what he made by his industry, he was enabled to own 360 acres of land at the time of his death.

He married Jane Kerr, August 29, 1828, and they begot the following named children: James R., born November 25, 1829; Josiah K., September 19, 1831; Daniel T., October 1, 1833, died January 5, 1859; Oliver H. P., October 31, 1835; William A., May 27, 1838, died September 15, 1877; Hiram P., September 22, 1840; George W., March 16, 1843; Alonzo H. H., August 31, 1845; Edward A. Z., October 14, 1847; Leonidas N., November 17, 1849; Havanna S., July 25, 1852; Emlona H., August 28, 1854, died when 16 months old. His wife died May 27, 1855, and on August 26, 1857, he was married to Margaret Kerr, a sister of his first wife. By this union there was one son, Erastus V., who was born February 3, 1859, who died at the age of two years and ten months.

Mr. Baxter was a man of prominence and never sought office. He was a member and an earnest supporter of the M. E. Church for twenty years before his death. Six of his sons were in the army during the war, and another served an enlistment in the United States army.

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JAMES W. BAYLESS was born in Madison, July 1, 1829, was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools.

He has never sought office, and does not like secret societies.

He owns 157 acres of good land, and runs the farm, his sister Sophronia keeping house for him, as he has never married.

His father, Nathaniel Bayless, was born March 12, 1796, in Harford county, Maryland, near the head of Chesapeake bay; he came to Madison, Ind., about 1817. He was a house carpenter and joiner, and built many houses; among those he built was the house Mr. Chas. Alling lives in. He built the paper mill on Indian Kentucky creek, known as Sheets' Paper Mill. He sharpened a dirk knife for Mr. John Sheets, which, it is said, was the one with which Sheets killed White, in Madison, some sixty-five years ago.

In 1824 he married Miss Mary A. Whedon, who was born in New York, in March, 1806, and came to Jefferson county when 12 years of age, with her father, Stephen Whedon, an early settler of Madison.

By this marriage there were six children: George, who died at the age of 48; James W.; Nathaniel, living in Monroe township; Stephen, who died in 1884; Anna M., who is married to John Riggle, and lives at North Madison, and Sophronia, who lives with James W., who furnishes this sketch. Mr. Nathaniel Bayless moved from Madison about 1837, to Madison township, where he bought 720 acres of land, and where he died in 1885. His widow died March 13, 1879.

There is a clock and fire shovel that has been in the family some sixty-four years.

PERRY E. BEAR is a native of Jefferson county, Ind., and was born September 22, 1860. His parents were Joseph Bear, a farmer, who was born in Jefferson county, in 1834, and Margaret Whitmore, who was born in Kentucky.

His paternal grandfather, Christian Bear, was a native of Pennsylvania, and settled in Jefferson county, Ind., before the State was admitted to the Union. He was of German origin, his father being a native German.

Perry E. Bear was educated in the schools of the county, having graduated from the High School. He read law with Edward Leland, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1881. He was with Judge E. R. Wilson, of Madison, for two years.

In 1884 was elected City Attorney of Madison; was re-elected in 1885. In 1886 was appointed deputy prosecutor of Jefferson county. He became the nominee of his (Republican) party for prosecuting attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit in the fall of 1888, and was elected. In 1883 was married to Miss Champney. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

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WM. H. H. BENEFIEL, merchant and farmer of Barbersville, Jefferson county, Ind., was born in Jefferson county, March 8, 1825.

He is the son of Wm. B. Benefiel, who, at the age of 23 years, came from Kentucky to Indiana Territory among the pioneer set-

tlers, and located in the neighborhood of Buchanan's Station (or fort), Jefferson county, in the spring of 1814; and was married, in 1816, to Miss Phoebe Conner, daughter of Lewis Conner, a native of Tennessee, and who emigrated to Indiana Territory prior to 1814.

George Benefiel and Mary Buchanan Benefiel, father and mother of Wm. B., came, with their family of seven sons and five daughters, to Indiana in the fall of 1814. The seven sons and five daughters all lived to raise large families and to an average age of seventy-three years, reckoning the ages of the deceased at time of death and the living at present age.

George Benefiel, father of this family of twelve children, was a native of Virginia, and the head of a numerous branch of the Benefiel family, emigrated to Kentucky in early time, and thence to Indiana; was a pioneer of Kentucky and also of Indiana, and did much to improve this State. His descendants are in almost every State and Territory of United States, and in religion in general adhere to the Presbyterian faith, and in politics uphold the principles of the Republican party.

Wm. H. H. Benefiel, subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm and educated at the district schools and Hanover College. He was married in 1856, to Marand Johnson, daughter of Wm. Johnson, a native of Kentucky. The result of this union was three children—Nancy A., Wm. T. and Mary A. All are married and live in this (Jefferson) and the adjoining (Ripley) counties.



In 1857 he engaged in the dry-goods and grocery business, at Barbersville, Jefferson county, Ind., and has continued in the same business, in the same place, ever since (thirty-two years). He has also carried on farming the greater part of the time. He owns a part of the farm his father owned before Indiana was a State, 290 acres, which is well improved and very productive.

He was among the first to introduce and advocate the use of commercial fertilizers in his section, and has lived to see the great benefits derived therefrom.

He belongs to an old Whig family, and at the organization of the Republican party espoused the principles of that, and has been an ardent supporter of that party ever since.

Mr. Benefiel has been successful in his business, and has accumulated some valuable property.

He has an uncle and aunt, aged 88 and 80, the last of the original settlers of the twelve brothers and sisters of the second generation of his branch of the Benefiel family.

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GEORGE R. BOLEN, hardware merchant, was born, in Madison, November 14, 1860. He attended the public schools of Madison; and is a graduate of Halbert's Business College.

After leaving college he entered the post-

office as clerk, under the late Col. M. C. Garber, and continued with him for four years.

In 1879 Mr. Bolen took a position with Mr. F. G. Wharton, who was in the hardware business, with whom he remained until July 1, 1888, when he bought him out.

The firm name being Geo. R. Bolen & Co., they carry a full line of shelf hardware and carpenters' tools; and make a specialty of breech-loading shot guns and small arms. They have a fine trade, and the long experience of Mr. Bolen in the business gives him a great advantage in the trade, as he is complete master of it.

Mr. Bolen is a member of the K. of P., and a past chancellor of the order. He is a member of the Trinity M. E. Church, of which he is an officer.

He is the son of Sims B. and Elizabeth Bolen, natives of Kentucky, who came to Madison just before the war. Mr. Sims Bolen, the father, has been superintendent of the Gas Co.'s works for about thirty years.

He was a member of the 67th Ind. Vols. during the late war, and a man respected by all who know him.

Mr. Geo. R. Bolen, the subject of this sketch, is a man of integrity and good business habits and qualifications, affable and pleasant in manner. He made many friends while in the postoffice, a place which tries the patience of both the patron and the employe, but George came out of it with more staunch friends than when he went in to it, and with his pleasant ways only made brighter by the constant trial.

JOSEPH T. BRASHEAR, Mayor of the city of Madison, is a native of Washington county, Pa. Was born May 10, 1832. His parents were Basil and Margaret (Trotter) Brashear, who were born in Steubenville, Ohio, and Claysville, Pa. His father was a tailor by trade. His mother died when he was three years old.

Mr. Brashear received only the education afforded by the common schools of the county.

In 1848 he removed to Steubenville, Ohio, where he commenced the trade of blacksmithing, and worked there until 1851, when he came to Madison, Ind.

He continued at his trade here, and started in to work for J. S. & R. E. Neal, foundrymen, for whom he worked up to 1860. In that year he, with others, began the steamboat building, at which he continued until 1865, when he went into partnership with Mr. A. Campbell, in the manufacture of steam boilers, and remained in this for three years.

In 1868 he, with John W. Vawter, engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements at N. Madison for four years, at which time he sold out his interest and engaged again in blacksmithing as foreman for Cobb, Stribling & Co., foundrymen, in Madison.

In May, 1875, he made the race for mayor of Madison on the Democratic ticket, beating the incumbent, Alexander White, 157 votes. Served for two years, when he was re-nominated, and ran against Captain Powers whom he defeated by 474 votes. This was the election of 1877. In 1879 he

again made the race for mayor, this time against John W. Linek, and was elected by forty-two votes.

In 1881 he was defeated in the Democratic Convention for the nomination, and Mr. S. J. Smith, a Republican, was elected. In 1883 the Republicans re-nominated Mr. Smith, and the Democrats nominated Mr. Brashear, and he was elected by 183 majority. In 1885 he was again nominated as a candidate by the Democrats, and defeated Mr. John Pattie, Republican nominee, fifty-five votes. In 1887, ran again, his opponent being Capt. H. B. Foster, whom he beat by a majority of twenty-four.

September 3, 1853, he was married to Miss Nancy Conaway, of Madison. They have eight children.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Honor. In ten years he has been absent but two times from meetings of the City Council.

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WILLIAM P. BROWN is a native of Scotland. He was born July 9, 1841. He came to the United States in 1845, with his parents, who located in Jefferson county, Ind.

He was brought up on a farm in this county, and attended the common schools of the county.

He came to Madison in 1871, and worked at the carpenter's business until

1874, when he formed a partnership with Thomas Dow in the lumber business, under the firm name of Dow & Brown, making walnut lumber a specialty, which business they have been successfully engaged in ever since.

This firm has recently bought the saw-mills situated on the corner of Front and Plum streets, Block No. 12. Their lumber yard office is on Mulberry street. They are the largest and most prominent lumber merchants in the city.

Mr. Brown was married in 1871 to Miss Mary Graham, of this county, daughter of Mr. James Graham, and has four living children: William A., Thomas M., James G. and Agnes W.

His parents were Alexander and Isabella (Martin) Brown. His father was a prominent farmer of this county, and died in 1882, at the age of 92 years. His mother died in 1858, at the age of 50 years.

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E. BUCHANAN (deceased), formerly of Shelby township, Jefferson county, Ind., was born October 21, 1821, in Ripley county, and was the son of Wilson Buchanan, a native of Pennsylvania. Wilson and his three brothers came to Indiana at an early day, and made the first settlement in this neighborhood, and helped to build the first fort or blockhouse here, as a place of refuge for the settlers and of defence

against the Indians. The fort was called Buchanan's Station. They raised families under the difficulties attending pioneer settlement. The subject of this sketch was one of the children, and was raised a pioneer, getting an education of the best afforded at that time, which was of the simplest, and of what could in these days of advanced schools be considered the poorest, kind.

At the age of 19, in 1841, he married Miss Lucinda Connor, daughter of Mr. Louis Connor, who was also an early settler. The result of this union was six children: Wm. H. H., who enlisted in the Twenty-second Indiana Volunteers, and returned home in six months and died the same year from illness contracted in the service; Minerva J., Lavina H., Eliza E., John W. and Edith E. His wife died September 2, 1857, and he re-married Feb. 14, 1859. This time he married Miss Rebecca Hillis, daughter of Hiram Hillis, a native of Indiana. Her mother was Louisa Atherton, daughter of Joseph Atherton, a native of Virginia. The result of this marriage was seven children: Mary E., Hannah, Victoria, Hattie L., Effie M., George T. and Nellie S.

The subject of this sketch died February 19, 1883. He had been successful in life, educated his children well, and at the same time, by careful management and patient industry, had accumulated quite an amount of valuable property. At the time of his death he owned some 900 acres of well improved land in Ripley and Jefferson counties, which is still owned by the heirs. All of his property was obtained by his own

efforts, nothing having been given to him by his father.

At the marriage of this first set of children he presented each of them with \$1,500. His sale bill amounted to \$3,000.

Mrs. Buchanan still lives on the homestead, which belongs to her and her daughters and son, who is now 14 years of age and who is walking in the footsteps of his father and alive to all home interests, and loves his books and will make his mark in the world. Mary E. and Hammah have married; the other five are at home with their mother. Mr. Buchanan was a good citizen and a choice man.

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IRA CHAMBERS, farmer, Monroe township, is a native of Jefferson county, Ind., was born December 7, 1842, was raised on a farm and is still living on one; he was educated in the common schools of the county. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in the three months' service, at the call for 300,000 more soldiers by the President of the United States; he enlisted in the Tenth Indiana Cavalry, and was in all the engagements of his regiment, until he was taken prisoner at Huntsville, Ala., on the 14th day of December, 1864. He remained a prisoner at Andersonville four months and thirteen days, when he escaped and found his way to the Union lines at Jacksonville, Fla., on April 29, 1865.

After his discharge at the close of the war he returned home, and settled down to the quiet life of a farmer.

He was married in 1865, to Miss Nancy J. Patton, daughter of Robert R. Patton, of North Madison. They have a family of seven children: Burdett, Charles, Mollie, Harry, Willie, Frank and Stella.

Mr. Chambers has a comfortable little home and enjoys himself in life. He is a man prematurely old in consequence of exposure and injuries received while in the army. His father is Mr. James Chambers, a farmer of Monroe township (see his sketch). Mr. Ira Chambers is a member of the G. A. R.

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JAMES CHAMBERS, farmer, Monroe township, was the oldest son of Isaac Chambers, an early settler in this county (see sketch in history of county), and Mehitabel Goodwin, daughter of Samuel Goodwin, natives of Kentucky. Mr. Chambers was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, within four miles of the place on which he now lives, on a farm; was reared a farmer, and educated in the old log school-house days. His education was, through the necessity of the case, of a limited character. He was married in 1842, to Mary Baxter, a daughter of Daniel Baxter, a pioneer of the year 1814 to this county, and was born in Pennsylvania, and was the father of a large family, the sketches

of some of whom are to be found in this book.

Mr. Chambers and wife raised a family of nine children, viz: Ira B., Indiana, Nancy A., James W., John M., Mary J., Robert D., Isaac D. and George A. Two of these, George and John M., are dead; the others are living in Jefferson county. Ira and John were soldiers in the late war. Ira was a prisoner at Andersonville for some months (see his sketch); John served six months.

Mr. Chambers owns 300 acres of land of good quality and well improved, and is very comfortably fixed in a home. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church, and has been a consistent Christian for fifty years past.

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RICHARD CHAPMAN was born in Wilshire, England, in 1819, October 27. He was reared in England, and was apprenticed at the age of fourteen, to learn the trade of blacksmith, and served for seven years as an apprentice, at Woodford, near Salisbury.

He worked at his trade for eighteen years in England, and came to the United States in 1852, on the ship "Liverpool," having left England between Christmas and New Year in 1851. He arrived in Madison, Ind., the last day of February, 1852, with only a nickel in his pocket. He walked out in the country four miles that

night on the Kent road; the next day he rented a shop two miles from Kent, and commenced work on the first day of April, where he continued to work for two and one-half years. The following July after he landed, his wife and child came to him from England.

In 1854 Mr. Chapman removed to Graham township, and bought one-half of an acre of ground, and put up a house and shop upon it, paying \$100 for the ground. He worked at his trade at this place for over twenty years, keeping a general country store in connection with his shop. His wife was made postmistress at this point, and held the office for eight years.

When he left Graham township in 1878, he sold his premises for \$1,100.

Mr. Chapman was married in 1846, in England, to Miss Alice Potter, a native of England, who died August 17, 1880, at the age of 60 years, leaving one son, John.

Mr. Chapman has been very successful in accumulating property, owning a farm of 240 acres of land in Graham township, besides a nice home of twenty-seven acres, where he lives, at the edge of the town of Lancaster.

He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and has always been a large contributor to the Church, and foremost to assist in all charitable enterprises.

He has done a great deal to build up the county in the way of building and improving property.

On May 29, 1886, he married Mrs. Cynthia (Hammond) Bailey, the widow of Commodore Perry Bailey. She died Decem-

ber 23, 1887, without issue. John Chapman, son of the subject of our sketch, married Josephine Lard, daughter of C. K. Lard, of this county, and has four children: Alice B., Sarah N., Jessie R. and Ruth C., all living at home. John owns a farm of 385 acres of land in Lancaster township, and is one of the largest farmers in the township. Besides farming he deals largely in stock.

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JAMES A. COCHRAN, farmer, Hanover township, is a native of Hanover township, Jefferson county, and was born Feb. 27, 1831. He was reared in this township on a farm: attended the common schools of the township.

He was married in 1869 to Miss Annie Morton, daughter of John Morton, of this county. He has two children, Jennetta and Moses A. He is a member, and an elder of Carmel (U. P.) Church.

He owns a farm of 216 acres of land where he lives, three miles west of Hanover town; the land is good and well improved. He is a large owner and dealer in Merino sheep.

His parents, Alexander and Margaret (Anderson) Cochran, were natives of Scotland; his father of Glasgow, and his mother of Dumfries. They came to the United States, the mother in 1818, and the father in 1821. His father was a prominent farmer of this county, and died in 1876, at the age of 85.

His mother died in 1884 at 90 years of age. Mr. Cochran was elected as County Commissioner in 1876 to 1885, on the Republican ticket.

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WILLIAM COCHRAN, farmer, is a native of Republican township; was born in the same house in which he now lives, Aug. 27, 1835. He was brought up on the farm, and attended the common schools of the county.

He owns the farm of 172 acres of land on which he resides, and raises grain and stock, especially sheep. Mr. Cochran is unmarried.

His parents were Alexander and Margaret (Anderson) Cochran, both natives of Scotland; his father of Glasgow, and his mother of Dumfries. They came to the United States, the mother in 1818, the father in 1821. His father was a prominent farmer of this county, and died in 1876, at the age of 85. His mother died in 1884, at the age of 90. Mr. Cochran is a good citizen, and a good farmer.

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CYRUS COMMISKY, farmer, Monroe township, is the second son of Joseph and Rebecca (Baxter) Commisky.

He was born in Monroe township, Jefferson county, Ind., July 3, 1849, on a farm and reared a farmer; attended the

public schools. He was married at the age of twenty-two to Miss Sarah Walton. They are the parents of five living children: Rosette, John, Cyrus, Frank and Pleasant; their third child, Charlie, died at the age of four.

Mr. Commisky owns 133 acres of land and is a thrifty, forehanded farmer. The family of Joseph and Rebecca Commisky consisted of six children: Daniel, who enlisted in the Twenty-second Indiana Regiment, and has never been heard of since a few months after the battle of Pea Ridge; Cyrus, John F., Joseph N., and two sisters, Anna and Susan, both of whom are married.

Joseph Commisky was a native of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent. He came to Indiana when quite young, and died in 1856.

Rebecca Baxter was the daughter of Daniel Baxter, whose sketch is in this book, and native of this county. She died in 1887.

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J. RANDOLPH CONWAY, farmer, Smyrna township, Jefferson county, Ind., is the son of John and Emily (Hoagland) Conway, and was born in Hunter's Bottom, Trimble county, Ky., Aug. 17, 1836. He came to Indiana in 1840, with his parents, and located on the land where he now resides. He attended the common schools of the county.

Mr. Conway and his two sisters own 115 acres of land, on which they now live. His

parents were both of them natives of Kentucky. His father was born on Dec. 27, 1800, and died Dec. 5, 1867. His mother died July 29, 1880, at the age of 77 years. His father owned 270 acres of the finest quality of land in the township; he always raised large crops of wheat and corn; the farm was called Egypt by the neighbors, on account of the corn raised upon it. One crop of corn produced ninety bushels of corn to the acre on thirteen acres. The same year, in an adjoining field of sixteen acres, the product was thirty-eight bushels of wheat to the acre; this crop brought two dollars in gold per bushel. This was during the Russian war, in 1856.

Mr. John Conway, the father, was for many years School and Township Trustee for this township. He was also a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church. He was a raiser of a great deal of fine stock; he raised one hog, of a litter of seventeen pigs, that weighed 606 pounds net, and was not fat either. Another large animal of his raising, was a Durham steer that weighed 1260 pounds at two years of age. He was a man who took great interest in raising stock. On his farm was a great deal of very large walnut timber; the stump of one tree measured five feet and two inches in diameter. There is also one of the largest grapevines in the county on this farm; it measures forty-six inches around the body; it is on a beech tree. There is also a large poplar tree on this place, which is five feet through, and is one hundred feet high; it is covered by a vine of the American ivy—this vine covers it all over. There is a cave

on the place, and when the beech leaves blow under or into the cave, they are petrified by the limestone water that drips on them; the leaves decay and leave their impression on the stone.

This is the finest land in the county, lots of walnut timber and some blue grass.

The subject of this sketch has four brothers and two sisters: John, Cornelius, Thomas, Edward, Mary and Cornelia. His sisters live with him. Edward is married and a farmer of this township; Thomas is a large farmer in Jackson county; Cornelius died in 1861; John is a farmer in Crawford county, Ind.

Mr. Conway's grandfather, John Conway, was born in Culpepper county, Va., in 1770, and died in the house on this farm at the age of 93 years 1 month and 3 days.

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WILLIAM CORDREY, ice dealer in W. Madison, was born near Lexington, Ky., February 11, 1828, the son of John and Malinda (Johnson) Cordrey. The father was a native of Maryland, the mother of Kentucky. His father settled on the hill near Madison, Ind., in 1828, on a farm; afterward opened in the grocery business, and continued in that for about ten years. He died in 1889, seventy-five years old. Mr. William Cordrey was reared in Madison, has farmed and followed carpentering; engaged also in the grocery business, and boated on the river. The last fifteen years

of his life he has been in the ice business. He started in life a poor boy, and by his pluck, honesty and perseverance has made for himself a good living. He has a comfortable home in West Madison, and owns twenty acres of land adjoining the city of Madison, and considerable real estate in West Madison. He is a good citizen, a member of the Trinity M. E. of many years standing, and a leading man in his church. In the year 1849 he was married to Miss Vashli Smith, a native of Bartholomew county, Ind. They have had three children, of whom two only are living—James W., and Anna M., wife of James Crozier, Auditor of Jefferson county. Mr. Cordrey is a member of I. O. O. F. He was out with Gen. Geo. Morgan, at Cumberland Gap, during the war.

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J. RODOLPHUS CONWAY, farmer, Smyrna township, Jefferson county, Ind., is the son of John and Emily (Hoagland) Conway, and was born in Hunter's Bottom, Trimble county, Ky., August 17, 1836. He came to Indiana in 1840, with his parents, and located on the land where he now resides. He attended the common schools of the county. Mr. Conway and his two sisters own 115 acres of land, on which they now live. His parents were both of them natives of Kentucky; his father was born on December 27, 1800, and died December 5, 1867. His mother



died July 29, 1880, at the age of 77 years. His father owned 270 acres of the finest quality of land in the township. He always raised large crops of wheat and corn. The farm was called Egypt by the neighbors on account of the corn raised upon it. One crop of corn produced 95 bushels of corn to the acre on thirteen acres. The same year, in an adjoining field of sixteen acres of wheat, the product was thirty-eight bushels to the acre. This crop of wheat brought two dollars in gold per bushel. This was during the Russian war, in the year 1856. Mr. John Conway, the father, was, for a great many years, school and township trustee for his township. He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church. He was a raiser of a great deal of stock; he raised one hog—of a litter of seventeen pigs—that weighed 606 pounds net, and was not fat either. Another large animal of his rearing was a Durham steer that weighed 1,260 pounds at two years of age. He was a man who took a great interest in raising stock. On his farm was a great deal of very large walnut timber; the stump of one tree measured five feet and two inches in diameter. There is also one of the largest grapevines in the country on this farm; it measures forty-six inches around the body; it is on a beech tree. There is also a large poplar tree on the place which is five feet through and is one hundred feet high; it is covered by a vine of the American ivy; this vine covers it all over. There is a cave on the place, and when the beech leaves blow under or into the cave, they are petrified by the lime-

stone water that drips on them; the leaves decay and leave their impression on the stone. This is the finest land in the county, lots of walnut timber and some blue grass. The subject of this sketch has four brothers and two sisters: John, Cornelius, Thomas, Edward, Mary and Cornelia. His sisters live with him. Edward is married and a farmer of this township. Thomas is a large farmer in Jackson county; Cornelius died in 1861; John is a farmer of Crawford county, Ind. Mr. Conway's grandfather, John Conway, was born in Culpepper county, Va., in 1770, and died in the house on this farm, at the age of 93 years 1 month and 3 days.

E. S. COYLE was born October 16, 1854, in Madison, Ind., and was brought up in this city and attended the public schools. After leaving school he apprenticed himself to learn the moulder's trade, and served over three years. In 1873 he went to Johnson's starch factory, and took the job of papering starch, and continued there for three years. In 1880 he engaged in the saloon business, and continued in that for eight years. In 1887 he engaged in the hardwood lumber business, and is still in that business, and has been quite successful.

His parents were both of Irish descent. Thomas Coyle, his father, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and came to Madison,

Indiana, where he learned the trade of machinist, at which he worked for a number of years. He was killed while engineer at Johnson's starch works. His mother's maiden name was Ladosky McClaran. She was born in Kentucky, and came to Indiana when quite young, and died at an early age, leaving a family of four children, two boys and two girls, the subject of our sketch being the oldest.

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JAMES CRAIG, deceased, was born April 20, 1807, in Ireland, near Belfast. He was married in 1834 to Miss Margaret Roberts, daughter of Mr. John Roberts, of Belfast, Ireland, a noted merchant in the linen business.

In 1838 Mr. Craig came to America, leaving Belfast in May of that year. He engaged in the coal business in Pittsburgh, Pa., for about two years, when he came to Jefferson county, Ind., and settled on a farm in Monroe township, where he continued to reside to the end of his life. He died, after a short illness, at his home, May 26, 1876.

In later life, he combined farming and school-teaching as his professions, and was an energetic man in both lines of business. He occupied many positions of profit and trust at the gift of the voters of his township, with credit to himself and benefit to the township. He was a prominent Mason. He was a man of strong con-

victions, and when once fixed in an opinion would hold out tenaciously.

He was a kind father and husband and a strong friend.

He enlisted, with four of his sons, in the Sixth Indiana Regiment, and served until he was disabled, when he returned home and taught school the balance of his life. He had many of the prominent men of the county and State among his pupils.

His family consisted of ten children, viz: Charlotte, Maggie, William R., John T., George D., Lizzie, Robert T., Susan, Hunter (died when two years old) and James.

His widow resides on the old homestead, with her youngest son, James.

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JOHN CRAWFORD, blacksmith and farmer, was born in Scotland, in 1842, in Ayrshire, and emigrated to America in 1856, and settled in Jefferson county, Ind. He worked four years at farming, and then commenced to learn the blacksmith trade.

In 1864 he was married to Mary Scott, daughter of John Scott, a native of Scotland. The same year he enlisted in Co. B, One hundred and fortieth Reg. Ind. Vols. and served to the end of the war; was in all the battles of the regiment. Came home and settled to work at his trade, and has been at that and farming ever since. He is a first-class mechanic, and has the best shop and tools in the county. His

business is the repair of farming machinery, principally. He owns ninety acres of land, well improved and good land.

He has five children: Ada, James, Scott, Harry and Agnes, of whom the eldest is married and lives in Jefferson county; the others are at home.

Mr. Crawford received but a limited education, but is determined that his children shall have a better one than he had. His father's name was James Crawford, who died before his son was five years of age, leaving him to make his own living; which he has succeeded in doing by his own good and honest labor and thrift. Mr. Crawford is a good citizen and honored by his neighbors.

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WILLIAM W. DEMAREE, farmer, was born in Jefferson county, November 3, 1839. He is a son of William Underwood and Marietta (Wagner) Demaree, natives of Kentucky and New Jersey.

There were three generations of the Demaree family who settled, at early dates in this century, in Jefferson county, viz: Samuel, the father, who came in 1812, and entered a very large tract of land; Daniel, his son, and William U., a grandson. Daniel came from Shelby county, Ky., bringing his son, William U., with him, who was but a boy at the time. William U., the father of William W., lived until November, 1880, when he died. He built the Madi-

and Canaan Turnpike principally himself, and was regarded as one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers in Jefferson county. The land upon which Mr. Demaree, the subject of this sketch, now lives was entered by his great-grandfather, Samuel Demaree.

The Demaree family was well represented in the army in all the wars of this country, Mr. William W. Demaree being one of the representatives in the late war, enlisting in Co. A, 55th Reg. Ind. Vol. Inf., for three months in 1862, and was out over four months. Since the war Mr. Demaree has engaged in farming.

He is the superintendent and treasurer of the Madison and Canaan Turnpike Company, and has been since his father's death.

He was married to Miss Susan E. Lee, of Jefferson county, in 1876. They have five children: Hattie, Maud, Marietta, Anna E., Ida May and William Buford. Mr. Demaree owns 200 acres of valuable land.

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THOMAS DOW was born February 22, 1844, in Jefferson county. His parents were William and Agnes (Scott) Dow; they were natives of Scotland, and came to the United States in 1818. Both are dead; his father died in 1866, aged seventy; his mother died in 1872, aged seventy-one.

Mr. Dow was raised upon a farm, and

lived there until 1874, when he came to Madison and engaged in the agricultural implement business, in which he continued for one year. In 1875 he formed a partnership with Mr. W. P. Brown, in the lumber trade, which business he is still in.

They have been making walnut lumber a specialty. They have the largest lumber yards in the city. They have lately bought a large saw-mill and lumber yard, covering the block of ground between Front and Second, and Plum and Vernon streets, and are operating that in connection with their other yard. Their office is on Mulberry street.

Mr. Dow was married in 1874 to Miss Minnie Witherspoon, of Switzerland county, Indiana. He has four living children: Thomas C., Willie S., James E. and Ella M. Mr. Dow is a member of the Masonic order.

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ISAAC C. EARHART is the son of John and Sarah (Wood) Earhart. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother of New Jersey. They moved to Ohio in 1792 and settled near Fort Washington, now Cincinnati; they then moved to Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio, where the subject of this sketch was born on July 24, 1824; from this place they moved to Newtown, Hamilton county, same State, in 1826, and from Newtown to Jefferson county, Ind., to a place known as McCellands Mills, in 1837.

John Earhart was a carpenter by trade, and Isaac, the son, learned the same trade with his father. The father died in 1869, February 16, at the age of 89; was born October 20, 1780. His mother was born in 1778, and died November 30, 1859, at the age of 81.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools of Ohio and Indiana. He worked at his trade and farming until 1855, when he bought James Park's saw-mill in Republican township, and ran it until 1862, when he sold it.

He then went to farming and worked at that until 1866 in this township, when he bought the Jordan saw-mill, also in this township, and ran that for two years. He sold that and bought the Kent mills, and ran that for eight years, when he sold it and went to farming again on what was known as the Marshall farm. He continued on this farm for four or five years, when he sold it and bought the Paris flouring mills at Paris, Jennings county; this was in 1883, when he moved to Paris and continued to run that mill for three years. On account of the health of his wife he came back to Republican township, Jefferson county, and took charge of the Kent flouring and saw mills, where he is still engaged in business, doing a large sawing business.

He was married December 24, 1845, to Miss Rowena Hays, daughter of Samuel Hays, a farmer of this county. She died after giving birth to a boy baby, who lived only eight days, on January 2, 1847. Mr. Earhart was married again February 6,

1848, to Miss Isabella Jones, the daughter of Thomas Jones, a prominent farmer of this township, by whom he had one child, Albert. Albert is married to Miss Jane Kelley, and has five children.

Mr. Earhart is a member of the Masonic Order; also a member of the M. E. Church.

He was elected Justice of the Peace of Smyrna township in 1849, and served but a short time and resigned. In 1858 or '59 was elected Township Trustee of Republican township, and served until 1864. He was the Democratic nominee for County Auditor in 1872, and was beaten by only 180 votes, the Republican majority being then 800 in the county. In 1878 was the Democratic nominee for Sheriff of the county, and was beaten by ballot box stuffing.

Mr. Earhart is still a strong Democrat, always has voted that ticket, and will continue to do so, so long as the Republican platform is not as good as the Democratic.

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JOHN W. GORDON (deceased) was born in Jefferson county, November 30, 1828, and was the son of William Gordon, who was born in Kentucky, July 10, 1795. His mother, Anna R. Warfield, daughter of John Warfield, was born in Kentucky.

Mr. John Gordon was raised a farmer, and educated in the old way.

He was married January 17, 1850, to Miss Sarah A. Benefiel, daughter of Wm. B.

and Phœbe Benefiel, and was born in Jefferson county in 1823. The result of this union was seven children: Wm. H. H., Lewis E., Albert S., John C. F., Mary J., Sarah F. and Phœbe A. All live in Jefferson county but John C. F., who lives in Kansas.

Mr. Gordon died February 1, 1875. He had accumulated some valuable property, owned 160 acres of land. Was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, a good citizen, honored and respected by all who knew him, a model husband and father.

After his death his wife succeeded in raising and educating the family. Phœbe, the youngest daughter, has taught school for two years. The boys are all farmers.

Mrs. Gordon is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.

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HIRAM FRANCISCO, SR., is a farmer, but on princely scale. He owns and farms 1,800 acres of land in one body. He is one of the most influential and advanced farmers in the county and wholly self-made.

He was born in Auburn, Cayuga county, N. Y., and was the son of David and Parris (Morley) Francisco, who were natives of New Jersey and Massachusetts respectively. The name of Francisco is probably of Spanish origin.

The subject of this sketch was reared upon a farm. He commenced life for him-

self, chopped cordwood to get money to come to Indiana, in 1840. Was agent for three years for a clock firm and wheat-fan firm, both selling and collecting for same; then he sold clocks for fifteen years for himself, and since then has been a farmer and extensive trader, principally in live stock, and is a natural, or born trader.

He settled on the place where he now lives in 1843; it is well improved in all points, and is as fine a farm as there is in the county, and is well stocked with registered stock and cattle. He owns in all eleven farms.

Mr. Francisco was married, in 1843, to Miss Mary McNutt, of Switzerland county, Ind. They have four children: Oliver, Annie, George and Hiram.

In 1870 Mr. Francisco was nominated by the Democratic party of this county for the State Senate, and overcame 700 Republican majority, being elected by a majority of seventy-two over Col. W. T. Friedley. He was the first Democratic Senator elected from Jefferson county for twenty-five years previous to that time, and there has not been one elected since by the Democratic party.

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HIRAM FRANCISCO, JR., attorney and counselor at law, Madison, Ind., is a native of Jefferson county, and was born January 28, 1851. He was brought up on a farm, attended the common schools of the

county; also attended a private school in Shelby county, Ky., in 1866-67.

In 1869 he commenced reading law in the office of Harrington & Korbly, of Madison, Ind. He was admitted to the bar in 1872, and in 1874 began the practice at Indianapolis, with Mr. Harrington as a partner, and remained there for one year, and in 1875 returned to Jefferson county. In 1877 he came to Madison, and resumed the practice of law there.

In 1878 formed a partnership with E. G. Leland, under the firm name of Leland & Francisco. This firm continued until February, 1880, when Mr. Francisco formed a partnership with Capt. A. D. Vanosdol, under the firm name of Vanosdol & Francisco; they are still together, and is one of the strongest law firms in the county.

Mr. Francisco is a member of the K. of P.

He was married, in 1877, to Miss Louisa Otto, daughter of Mrs. Annia M. Otto, of Madison, Ind. They have five children, all girls: Mary, Helen, Louisa, Martha and Georgia.

His father and mother are Hiram and Mary (McNutt) Francisco, of Wirt, Jefferson county, Ind.

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THOMAS J. FRANCISCO is a native of Jefferson county; was born in Madison township, Jan. 4, 1839, and was brought up in the city and attended the city schools.

His parents were Alonzo and Ursula (Ellison) Francisco. His father was born in Cincinnati, O., and raised there. His mother was born in New Jersey, but was raised in Ohio. They came to Indiana and located at Madison in 1837, where they have lived ever since. His father died September 20, 1885, aged seventy. His mother is still living, in her sixty-ninth year. His father was a butcher.

Mr. Francisco, after leaving school, went to work for Mr. James Middleton, in order to learn the trade of butchering, and continued with him until 1864.

In the same year he started in business for himself, having to borrow the money to start on, and has continued in this business, and from a financial standpoint has been a success ever since.

Mr. Francisco owns a handsome residence just outside the city limits, and a farm of one hundred acres, on the Graham Road, four miles from town. He is engaged pretty largely in feeding stock on this farm, carrying an average of one hundred cattle during the winter. He is one of the thorough business men of Jefferson county, and deserves his success as the result of his labors.

Mr. Francisco was married, February 20, 1861, to Miss Mary A. Grensling, a native of Madison. They have three children: Annie L., Gilbert E. and Maud L.

Mr. Francisco joined the I. O. O. F. at the age of twenty-one years. Is also a member of the Masonic order.

CAPT. RUFUS GALE, farmer, Monroe township, the subject of this sketch, was born in Madison in 1831. His father, Elmore Gale, was born in Massachusetts, Nov. 28, 1795. He came to Madison on a raft, in Nov., 1813, and was therefore one of the early settlers of the city and county. Elmore Gale and his father Rufus Gale (who was a native of New Hampshire, born in 1771, and was a great bee fancier), settled on a farm which is now a part of the lower end of the city of Madison. He married Miss Elizabeth Brown, who was the daughter of Thomas Brown, a native of Maryland, who was an early settler at Madison. He was Associate Judge of the county in early days, and was a prominent business man of Madison in the pork business. Capt. Gale was raised in the city of Madison, and attended the common schools of the place. He enlisted in the United States service, in the 6th Reg. Ind. Vols. in the three months' service; was among the first sworn in in the State; was mustered in as first lieutenant of Co. E, and served as such till the close of the term. He then re-enlisted in the 39th Reg. Ind. Vols. (8th Cavalry) in September, 1861; he was mustered in as captain of Co. H, and served until August, 1865, and was with his regiment in all of the principal battles of the regiment. The most noted of these campaigns was with Gen. Sherman, from Shiloh to North Carolina, known as the march to the sea. The regiment was Gen. Sherman's escort at the time of Gen. Johnston's sur-

render. After the war Capt. Gale returned home, and was elected County Auditor of Jefferson county, and served for two terms. After his second term as Auditor expired, he engaged in farming in Monroe township, where he still resides upon his farm of 160 acres of well-improved land.

In 1870 he was married to Miss Harriet M. Sering, daughter of John G. Sering, one of the early-born inhabitants of Madison. Mr. Sering was one of the first queensware merchants of the city. He and his father-in-law, Mr. John Mellen, were the first firm who dealt exclusively in china, glass and queensware. Mr. Sering was Clerk of the county for many years.

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NICHOLAS GASAWAY (deceased) was born November 1, 1806, in Clark county, Ind., near the Gasaway Church, the second Methodist society formed in the State.

December 22, 1831, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Jackson, of Jefferson county, Ind. He removed to this county and located in Smyrna township in 1832, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life.

He was converted and joined the church when only seventeen years old, under the ministry of Rev. James Armstrong, at Shiloh, on Kent Circuit. Many a Methodist preacher remembers the genial face and hearty welcome of this good brother. His home was ever open for the itinerant, when the

best was always brought out to grace the occasion. In the theology of Methodism he was well read,—it was his study. New and novel notions found no place in his belief. What the Bible taught, as interpreted by Wesley, Fletcher, Clark, Watson, he took as the basis of his belief, and conformed his life to it. To the young minister he was a safe counselor and warm friend. Many of the ministers who, at different times, found rest at his home, also found they could obtain the soundest of instruction from this man of God.

He served the church in the capacity of steward for twenty years, and for forty-two years he was a constant reader of the *Western Christian Advocate*.

He died in 1879, at the age of 72 years. He left a widow and seven children, three boys and four girls—Elmore Y., Wilber F., Charles D., Margaret, Mary, Louisa and Clara. Elmore Y. is married and living in Chicago, where he is agent of the Pacific Express Company.

Wilber F. is married and farming in Kansas. Charlie D. is living in Chicago, and is agent of the American Express Company. Margaret is living in Grand Forks, Dak., with her son Miles E. Harbin. Louisa is married to E. L. Smalley, a lawyer, and is living in Waverly, Iowa. Clara is married to L. C. Tate, a marble dealer at Bloomfield, Ind. Mary is unmarried, and lives on the old home-place, which consists of ninety-two acres of fine land, situated just north of Volga.

Mrs. Gasaway, widow of Nicholas, died in 1883.



Nicholas Gasaway was school trustee for many years, and was a kind father and a devoted husband.

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MARCUSAURELIUS GAVITT was born in Madison, Indiana, June 27, 1824, son of M. A. and Elizabeth (Handy) Gavitt. He was brought up in the city, and attended the Presbyterian Sabbath-school. About all of his scholastic education was obtained there. His father was of French origin; his mother was a Pennsylvania Dutch woman.

His father died in 1842, at the age of forty-four years. His mother died in 1835, at thirty-seven years of age. When only ten years of age he commenced to make his own living. His first venture was driving oxen. The next he apprenticed himself to learn the confectionery and bakery business in 1837, at which he continued for five years.

In 1842 he went into a dry goods and grocery house as a clerk, and remained one year. Then he hired himself as a teamster, and drove a team for six years for one man. In 1849 he commenced driving a dray on his own account, and continued this for one year.

In 1856 was elected City Marshal on the Democratic ticket, and served one year. In 1857 was appointed on the police force of the city, and continued in that place until 1861; was then appointed City Marshal, to

fill a vacancy caused by the Marshal, Mr. John Gerber, volunteering as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. Served as a Marshal for three months, when he resigned, to join the army himself.

In 1861 he went into the 24th Ind. Inf. Vols., and was soon after commissioned Quartermaster of the regiment. Served until May, 1864, when he resigned his commission; coming home entered the auctioneering business, which he has constantly engaged in ever since, excepting the years 1875 and 1876, when he was Sheriff of Jefferson county. He was elected on the Democratic ticket; at that time the Republican majority in the county was 450—his majority was sixty-six.

Mr. Gavitt was married in 1849 to Miss Clara Denning, of Jefferson county. She died in 1856, leaving two children—Julia and Howard. He married again in 1857, to Miss Emeline Vorhees, who died in November, 1888, leaving two children—Clara and Ida. Clara is married to John Vogel-sang, and lives in Chicago. All of his children are still living.

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CHARLES H. GEORGE is a native of Jefferson county, and was born December 4, 1849. He is the son of Thomas D. and Elizabeth (Clark) George, natives of Trimble county, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively.

His grandfather, Milton George, came

from Kentucky and settled in Madison township, Jefferson county, in 1830.

His maternal grandfather, Capt. Samuel Clark, is a native of Baltimore, Md.; he came to Madison, Ind., in 1831. He was a steamboat captain on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and lost his life by the explosion of the boilers of the "Gen. Brown," November 25, 1838.

Thomas D. George, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Trimble county, Ky., and died November 15, 1869, at the age of 45 years. He was a man honored by those who knew him, and was prominent in his own township, holding township offices at one time. He was actively engaged in the Baptist ministry during the last fifteen years of his life.

Thomas George, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was one of the early settlers of Madison, having taught school there. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. E. George, the mother of Charles H. George, was one of the earliest pupils of the Lower Seminary at Madison, Mr. Reynolds being the teacher. Mr. C. H. George owns 172 acres of land.

BRUCE GILLESPIE was born February 26, 1831, in Dearborn county, Ind. He is the son of Robert and Margaret (Robertson) Gillespie, natives of Scotland. Robert Gillespie was born in Leith, educated in Edinburg, at the School of Medicine.

He was a classmate of Dr. Wm. Davidson, who practiced medicine for many years in the city of Madison. Margaret Gillespie was born at the Frith of Forth. They were married in Scotland, and came to the United States in 1819, and settled in Dearborn county, now Ohio county, Ind. They raised nine children. Dr. Gillespie bought a half-section of land, and made a home for his family on the Frontier. He was the pioneer Doctor of that country, and and lived to see the wild woods of his early home converted into peaceful homes, and towns and villages of Christian people taking the place of wandering tribes of savages. He died in 1846. The subject of our sketch was raised on a farm, and educated in the common schools. He worked at machinery and gum-making in his younger days, and still does that kind of work along with farming. In 1857 he was married to Miss Laura A. Gould, whose father, Samuel Gould, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1797. In 1805 he moved to the State of New York, and settled near Seneca Lake, where he learned the trade of tanner. In 1818 he emigrated to the White Water Valley in Indiana; there he married Nancy Wiley, in 1822. In 1836 he removed to Ohio county, Ind. In 1860 he removed to Osgood, Ripley county, Ind., where he remained the rest of his life. He died in 1882. In 1815 he worked at the same shop with Gen. W. H. Harrison. Bruce and Laura Gillespie are the parents of six children: William R., who graduated at the Ohio Medical College in 1887, and is now practicing in Rising Sun, Ohio

county—he married Miss Bina Shiverly, of Deerfield, Mo.; Nellie, married to Dr. Firth, of Madison, Ind., and now practicing at Deerfield, Mo; Mary C., married to John Land, living in Deerfield, Mo.; John B., who lives in Washington Territory; Stephen B. and George W., who are both at home.

Bruce Gillespie owns a fine farm of 135 acres of well-improved land.

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GREEN B. GILTNER, Lancaster township, lives on a little farm of twenty acres, which he owns, that lies adjacent to the town of Lancaster, in Lancaster township. He is highly esteemed by his neighbors, as is evinced by the fact of electing him township trustee in the year 1886, and re-electing him in 1888. He is a good citizen and an upright, moral man, and a member of the Baptist Church.

He was born November 17, 1846, in Smyrna township, Jefferson county; attended the schools of that township; was married in 1869 to Miss Ella Spielman, of this township; was elected trustee of the township in 1872; elected justice of the peace in that township in 1876, and lived in that township until 1878. He then removed to Lancaster township, where he still resides. He has six living children, three boys and three girls: Leora, Thomas D., Flora, Myra C., Philip and Robert E. He enlisted on the 26th day of September,

1861, in Co. D, Fiftieth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and served till the 9th of June, 1862, when he was discharged on account of disability. He is a member of the G. A. R. He was appointed Notary Public for Lancaster township in 1879, but resigned this office in the spring of 1886, when he was elected trustee of the township. His parents were Philip and Nancy Jane (Conway) Giltner. His father was born in Bourbon county, Ky., but raised in Hunter's Bottom, Trimble county, Ky.; he came to Indiana when about 21 years old, and settled on a farm in Smyrna township, Jefferson county, where he now lives. His mother was a native of Indiana, and is now living. Mr. G. B. Giltner is a Republican.

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JOSEPH R. GORGAS, photographer, a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., was born Feb. 7, 1829. His parents were William and Ann Gorgas, who were natives of Pennsylvania. His father died in 1845, at the age of 56 years. His mother died at the age of 87 years, at her home in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Gorgas learned the business of photography in Pittsburgh, Pa. He came to Madison, Ind., in 1853, and engaged as clerk in the dry goods store of Mr. Irby Smith, where he remained for about three months.

He then opened a gallery for photographing, and has continued in that business

ever since in Madison, with the exception of about three years, during which time he made an extended trip through the South, on a floating photograph gallery.

He subsequently returned to Madison, Ind., and re-established himself in his business. He has built up a fine trade in this line, having the best in the city. He is a superior artist in his line and deserves the great popularity which is now his.

In 1865 he married Miss Delphina Verry, daughter of Mr. John Verry, an old citizen of Madison. He has one child, Anna, who is the wife of Mr. Edward E. Powell, also of Madison.

Mr. Gorgas is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias, and is Captain of the Madison Division, No. 10, of K. of P. He has held this office for two years.

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GEORGE W. GRASTON, dealer in flour, grain, lumber and timber, Dupont, Lancaster township, Jefferson county, Ind., and proprietor of the Dupont Flour and Saw-Mill. Mr. Graston was born in Silver Creek township, Clark county, September 20, 1834. He was brought up in Clark county until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Jennings county and remained there until 1854, engaged in farming. In 1854 he went to Shelby county Ind., where he engaged in farming for two years, and in the latter part of 1856 returned to Jennings county, and engaged in the milling busi-

ness. He remained in this mill for two years, and then came to Jefferson county September 1, 1858, where he has been ever since, engaged in the lumber and milling business.

On December 15, 1858, he was married to Miss Minerva C. Corya, daughter of Isaac Corya, a farmer of this county. They have a family of seven living children, five girls and two boys, viz: Luella, Mary I., Michael E., Perry A., Laura A., Minnie and Eva. Ella is married to John Dunn, an engineer on the O. & M. R. R., and lives at Deputy, Ind. Perry and Mike are both married; Mike lives in Dupont, Perry lives in Newport, Ky.

Mr. Graston is the son of William and Catherine (Hitch) Graston, who were natives of Knox county, Tenn., and came to Indiana in 1829, and settled in Silver Creek township, Clark county. They came on horseback, and brought all their worldly goods with them, also on horseback. Mr. William Graston was a blacksmith by trade. He died in Missouri in June, 1876. His wife died in 1842, at the age of forty years.

The subject of this sketch commenced his life without any money, and by energy and industry has made a good living, raised a nice family, and is still doing well. The mill he owns at present is of the roller process, and he does the best work and makes good flour. He is also the largest farmer in the township, having raised in 1886 one hundred acres of wheat, and in 1888 raised one hundred acres of corn.

Mr. Graston has built up a large trade in his line of business and employs more men

than any other person in the township. He pays out more money for hired help and does more to help the people. He has bought, paid for and shipped \$12,000 worth of wheat since harvest; in 1887 he cut over 1,000,000 feet of lumber. Mr. Graston is a member of the M. E. Church and is superintendent of the Sunday-school, and also a trustee of the church and one of the stewards of his church.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Masonic Order; and is an inflexible Democrat in politics.

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REV. LOUIS GUEGUEN, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Madison, Ind. Father Gueguen is a native of France, and was born February 25, 1834, near Rostrenen, Department of Cotes du Nord. He graduated from the Ecclesiastical College of Plouguernevel in 1855, and went through the theological course at St. Briene, the seat of the Department, in the years from 1855 to 1859.

He came to the United States in 1859, having, before leaving France, received the order of deacon, and was ordained as priest in Vincennes, Ind., on the 8th day of December of the same year, by Bishop De St. Palais, by whose solicitation he came to this country. After ordination he was appointed as assistant to the Rev. H. Du Pontavice, at Madison, Ind., with whom he stayed the better part of one year, when he was

called to Washington, Daviess county, Ind., where he was stationed for only a few months. From there he was appointed pastor of a congregation in Floyd county, near New Albany, where he stayed nearly three years, when he came, at the call of his ecclesiastical superior, to the City of New Albany, where he had charge of the Church of the Holy Trinity for a short time.

From New Albany he was appointed, in 1864, as pastor of a congregation at Loogootee, Martin county, Ind., and attending from there two country churches—one in Martin and one in Daviess county—besides having a smaller congregation in Martin county. Being relieved from two of these churches after eighteen months of service, he was retained at the Loogootee and St. Martin Churches, together, for nineteen years, and at Loogootee for twenty-one years. At both of these places he was instrumental in building churches; and at Loogootee he built a parsonage.

In 1885 he was appointed rector of St. Michael's Church, in Madison, Ind., where he has been for over three years.

The school in connection with St. Michael's is managed by the Sisters of Providence; the attendance is about 150 pupils.

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ALONZO J. HALL, teacher, Volga, Smyrna township, Jefferson county, Ind., is a native of Jefferson county, Ind. was

born December 18, 1853, brought up on a farm, was educated in the common schools of the county and graduated in 1878, at the Lebanon National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. After leaving school he engaged in teaching district schools in this county, and has been engaged in this work, principally, ever since; is now teaching Fairview school, in Republican township, this county. He married, in 1885, Miss Mary A. Gasaway, daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Gasaway, of Deputy, Ind. Has one child—Homer G. Mr. Hall is a member of the Lick Branch Baptist Church. He owns a farm of eighty-eight acres of good land, one mile west of Volga postoffice. His parents were Abner and Malinda (Walton) Hall, both natives of Indiana, and now living on a farm in Graham township. Both are members of the Lick Branch Baptist Church. His father is a prominent farmer of Graham township.

JOHN F. HAMMELL is the son of John and Mary (Aston) Hammell. His father was a native of Salem, Washington county, N. Y., and his mother of East St. Louis. His father settled in Harrison county in 1846; was a teamster in the Thirty-ninth Reg. Ind. Vols., served eighteen months, when he was captured. Being attacked with rheumatism he went home. He was 58 years old when he went into the army.

He was born May 31, 1803, and died in 1887.

Mr. John F. Hammell, the subject of this sketch, was born in Harrison county, Ind., May 7, 1847. He was the only son of his parents. He was reared in Jefferson county, his father removing to Trimble county, Ky., when he was but four or five years old.

In 1862, August 20, he enlisted in the Eighty-second Ind. Vols. as a private, then being only 15 years old. He served until the close of the war.

At the close of the war he worked in the ship-yard until 1874, when he opened a retail grocery, and is now doing a good business. He owns eleven houses in West Madison, and holds the office of treasurer of West Madison.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and G. A. R. Is Past Post Commander of G. A. R. Was the delegate from the Fourth Ind. Congressional District to the G. A. R. National Encampment, at San Francisco, Cal., in 1886.

He is at present Captain of Sons of Veterans. He was married, September 22, 1867, to Miss Sophia Blackard, of Madison, Ind., daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Johnson) Blackard, who were Virginians. They have no living children; but have one adopted daughter.

WM. WALLACE HINDS is a native of Madison, Ind., born June 8, 1855; brought

up in Madison, attended the city schools and Hanover College. He is also a graduate of the Commercial School of this city.

He became the city editor of the *Madison Daily Star*, June 1, 1880, and continued as such until it was absorbed in the *Madison Daily Courier*. He was then offered the circulation department of that paper, in January, 1884, which he accepted and held until August, 1888, when he gave up that position.

He was elected one of the trustees of the City Water Works in the spring of 1888, on the Republican ticket against a Democratic majority in the city. The trustees elected him president of the Board, and superintendent of the Water Works, which position he is still holding (Dec., 1888).

While with the *Daily Courier*, he was elected a member of the City Council in 1885 on the Republican ticket, and was re-elected to the same position in 1886, from fourth ward of the city.

Mr. Hinds is an active Odd Fellow and a prominent member of the K. of P. Order, having held the position of Grand Inner Guard of the State, and is now District Deputy. He was captain of the Madison Division No. 10 U. Rank K. of P. He is now president of Walnut Street Fire Co. No. 4. He is an attendant of the Second Presbyterian Church of this city. Mr. W. W. Hinds is the son of James W. and Ruth C. (Cook) Hinds. His father was a native of Brattleborough, Vermont, born September 24, 1809, and came to Madison, Ind., when a young man.

He was a bricklayer and contractor; he

built a great number of houses in Madison and built Hanover College and the court house in Madison. He also engaged in the mercantile business at Madison and in the coal business. He was County Commissioner of Jefferson county, and served in the City Council of Madison for a number of years. He was a prominent Republican and was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee for some years.

He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Madison. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, having been made at one time Grand Master of the State, of that order. He was a good citizen. He died May 22, 1878, in the 69th year of his age, leaving a widow and five children; three boys and two girls.

The mother of W. W. Hinds was the daughter of David and Mary Cook and was a native of East Tennessee; she is still living at the age of seventy-six, and is quite an active, hale woman.

She is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Madison, Indiana, and is quite prominent in the work of that church and all other good works of that kind in the city; a benevolent spirit being one of the chief adornments of her character.

She was married to Dr. Joseph F. Lingle, at Paoli, Orange county, Indiana, in 1831. By this marriage she had one son, William Summerfield Lingle, who became the editor of the *Lafayette (Indiana) Daily Courier*, and was a prominent man in newspaper circles of the State. Mr. Lingle was also postmaster of *Lafayette* for four years.

In the year 1836, Mrs. Lingle was married to J. W. Hinds, and the fruits of this marriage were nine children—five boys and four girls.

HENRY JACKSON, farmer, Shelby township, is the son of John Jackson and Matilda Jackman. His father was born in New Jersey in 1801; moved to Tennessee about 1807, with his father Thomas Jackson, who was in the war with the Indians at the battle of the Horseshoe.

They all came to Indiana in 1822. His mother was the daughter of Robert Jackman, who was from Maryland and also came to Indiana in 1822. She was born in Pennsylvania. They were of Irish descent.

The subject of this sketch was born on a farm in Jefferson county, in 1836; was educated in the common schools of the county. He was married, in 1858, to Nancy Griffin, daughter of James Griffin, a native of Jefferson county; his people came from Kentucky. Immediately after marriage he removed to Kansas, where he remained ten months, and then returned to Jefferson county, where he still resides. He has six living children—Robert, James, Matilda, Henrietta, Grace and Harry. He owns forty-six acres of well-improved land.

He succeeded in giving to all his children a better education than he had. One, Elmer, was educated for a teacher, but died at nineteen from a wound in his hand.

Four of his children are married, and all live in Shelby township; they are all farmers.

Mr. Jackson never sought office, and is a good, trusty, honorable citizen.

HENRY JINES, farmer, Monroe township, is the son of Silas Jines; the latter born in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 8, 1812, and came to Ohio, when 19 years of age, with his father's family. They lived there but two years, when they came to Indiana and settled in Jefferson county, Monroe township, in 1835.

His father's name was Jacob Jines; was a brave soldier in the Revolutionary war, and while marching to meet Gen. Ross, was shot by two young Britishers; and he was a celebrated pioneer preacher, as well as an expert fiddler before he began to preach; he organized Big Creek Church, and helped to build up Marble Church, both in Monroe township.

Silas Jines was a soldier in the 6th Reg. Ind. Vols. during the Rebellion, as were his two sons, Henry, the subject of this sketch, and William, who were in the 22d Reg. Ind. Vols., as musicians.

Mr. Silas Jines was a prominent free-soiler abolitionist in the days that it took courage, both moral and physical, to stand for the principles avouched by those parties. He was a conductor, and his house a station, on the Underground Railroad.

Henry Jines, subject of this sketch, was born Feb. 27, 1839, in Hamilton county,



Ohio, and came to Indiana in 1842, with his father, Silas Jines.

He was raised in a cooper shop, and received a very limited education. On July 4, 1861, he enlisted as a musician in the 22d Reg. Ind. Vol. Infantry, and served until discharged on Aug. 22, 1864. He was in all the thirty-two battles of his regiment except Pea Ridge, at which time he had small-pox. He enlisted as a private in the 16th Mounted Infantry (Ind. Troops) stationed at New Orleans, La.; he served in this regiment eight months, when he was transferred to the 13th Ind. Cav., under Johnson, on the 19th day of June, 1865. He was honorably discharged from the service of his country on the 13th day of November, 1865.

On the 6th day of December, 1865, he was married to Kesiiah Kirk, daughter of Joseph Kirk, a Virginian, who came to Kentucky, and then to Indiana, in an early day. The result of this union was six children, viz: James F., Fanny L. J., Hester A., Levina L., Jacob J. and George W.

Mr. Jines is postmaster at Faulkner; is a charter member of John A. Hendricks Post, G. A. R., and was Adjutant of the Post three years, and Surgeon one, and now this year Junior Vice Commander. He owns nineteen acres of land.

It would seem that a vein of martial music ran through the blood of the Jines family, as the two paternal great-grandfathers of Henry Jines and Dean were fifers in the Revolutionary war; then, jumping over two generations, Henry and his brother William served as fifers in the

late war, serving four years one month and sixteen days.

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HENRY CLAY JONES, of Madison, Ind., is the son of Joshua E. and Rachel (Coons) Jones, natives of Ross and Hamilton counties, Ohio. He was born September 26, 1837, in Cincinnati. When he was only two years of age his mother moved to Jeffersonville, Ind., his father having died previous to this time; there she remained for about two years, and moved to Madison, Ind., in 1841. Mr. Jones afterward went back to Jeffersonville, to his grandfather Coons, and attended school. In 1858, he engaged in the grain and produce business in Madison, Ind., in which he continued till 1866. At this time he engaged in steam and flatboating to New Orleans and up the Kentucky river, and followed this business up to 1876, since which time he has been engaged in the log and lumber business. He has furnished large lots of lumber for the Government work upon the Ohio and Kentucky rivers. He, with Mr. Wm. Kirk, took the contract and built the Rising Sun dike, and he was one of the contractors to furnish the lumber for Dam No. 1, on the Kentucky river, and for the Portland dike at Louisville, Kentucky. Is now in saw-mill at Madison, Ind. Mr. Jones was married on December 18, 1859, to Miss Margaret Bishop, and has three living children: Elmer G., Richard J. and Ruth P. His Grandmother Jones lived to the

very old age of 97 years, died near Chilli-cothe, Ohio. His mother died in Madison in 1871, at 63 years.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, farmer, Shelby township, was born in the State of Kentucky, March 1, 1802. He was the youngest child of Thomas Johnson, a native of Virginia, who took a trip down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers about the year 1804 and never returned. William Johnson's mother moved near Lexington, and afterward to Shelby county, Ky. Her family consisted of three boys and one girl. At the age of 23, Mr. Johnson came to Indiana; he landed at Madison, which was then a very small town. He settled in Shelby township, on the farm where he now lives with his son, and built himself a stone house, in which he has always resided. Previous to this, however, at the age of twenty-one, he was married to Miss Nancy Spaulding, daughter of Robert Spaulding, a native of Virginia and one of the pioneers of Kentucky.

He and his wife were the parents of ten children: William, Sally A., Jordan, Rhodes, Henry, Elizabeth, Miranda, Mary Jane, Francis and John. Of these all are living but Sally A. and Elizabeth, and all live in Jefferson county but William and Mary Jane, who both live in Kansas.

Mr. Johnson's wife died July 31, 1880. He has never held an office. He was educated in the log school-house days, when

the chimney was in the corner of the house, and the education was of a limited and poor character. When he first settled in Indiana, two or three months were spent every spring at log rollings, until the land of his neighbors was cleared and their houses built. In those early days the equipment of a farmer, in the way of tools, was a bull-tongue plow and a chopping axe; some time after the wooden mould board plow was introduced; then came the old Barshear, which were considered in their day as superior in kind as the advanced machinery of the present day is now. Trace chains were a luxury belonging to the richer class of farmers—the poorer were content with hickory wythes.

Mr. Johnson has laid off corn ground without either line or collar. John R. Johnson, the third son of the above, and with whom he makes his home since death of his wife, was born November 4, 1839, on the farm where he now lives, and was raised a farmer. August 14, 1862, he was married to Cynthia Barber, daughter of James Barber, a farmer of Jefferson county. They have but one child—Ettie L.

Mr. John R. Johnson was a soldier in Co. C, Eighty-second Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and was in all the principal engagements of his regiment during the time of service.

He is a member of the A. O. Bachman Post, No. 26, G. A. R. He is a prominent member of the Baptist Church.

He owns 67 acres of good, well-improved land.

EDWARD KAMPE, merchant, corner Third and Walnut streets, Madison, Ind., was a native of Germany, born in 1840, June 29. He came to the United States with his parents when only twelve years of age, and located in Madison.

He attended the common schools of the city, and after leaving school learned the trade of a carpenter, which he continued to work at until 1865, when he engaged in his present business, that of dry goods and grocery store; he also handles feed and all kinds of seed. Mr. Kampe has continued at this business at the same place ever since, and has built up a large trade, and has been very successful. He is one of the principal stockholders and one of the directors and vice-president of the First National Bank of Madison. Is also one of the stockholders and vice-president of Building Association No. 5. Mr. Kampe is a Mason and a member of the German M. E. Church. He is also a correspondent of the German National Bank of Cincinnati, collecting much money for the Germans through them. He is a notary public, and is a stockholder in the Firemen and Mechanics Insurance Company of this city, and has held stock in most all of the enterprises of the city.

He was married, in 1866, to Miss Cecelia Grebe, daughter of Jacob Grebe, an old settler of this city, and a prominent business man for many years; in the latter part of his life he was a farmer.

Mr. Kampe has one child, a son, Wesley, who is now a student at Hanover. His parents were George and Anne (Von Disen)

Kampe. His father is still living in Madison, at the age of 74 years. His mother died in 1875, at the age of 62 years. Mr. Kampe is one of Madison's best business men.

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FRANCIS M. LANDON, Lancaster, Lancaster township, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, November 23, 1832; is the son of William and Elizabeth (Riggle) Landon. His father was born in Kentucky, December 22, 1810; his mother was born at Walnut Hills, Ohio, October 7, 1811. They were married at Walnut Hills, February 12, 1828, and raised a family of five children, of whom Francis M. is the second child. His father was a miller and farmer of this county, and died October 9, 1863, at the age of 53 years. His mother died January 2, 1860, at the age of 49 years.

His parents removed from Ohio to Scott county, Ind., when he was an infant, and about five years after removed to Jefferson county, and located on Big creek, his father buying what was known as "Settle Mill," a flour, grist and saw-mill. His father farmed, also.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of this county. He was married, April 15, 1856, to Miss Malinda Zenor, daughter of David Zenor, who was born at Harper's Ferry, Va., of German parentage, and who died in this county, January 5, 1887, at the age of 80 years.

Francis M. Landon and wife have five

children, one boy and four girls: Elizabeth, William A., Jennie, Agnes and Clara.

Mr. Landon commenced the milling business when only twelve and one-half years old, and has been engaged at the same business ever since. He took charge of the mill at that early age because the failing sight of his father incapacitated him for the work. Francis M. and his brother George built a new mill in 1856, a stone structure, 37x40, four stories high, with capacity of 100 barrels per day, at a cost of \$10,000. It was destroyed by fire in 1869. His father was in debt at the time, but the young man succeeded in making a living, and paying the debt, and at the same time building up a large trade, which has remained with him ever since. His long experience has made him thorough in all departments of the mill, so that when he gets any improved machinery he is able to put it up himself, also can repair almost anything about the mill.

Except for a few months of that time that he was in Jennings county, the whole of that time has been spent in Jefferson county. The mill he is now running is located at Lancaster; it is a merchant custom mill (flour and grist). His son William A. is now with him in the mill, the firm being Landon & Son.

In 1878 Mr. Landon was appointed county commissioner, to fill the unexpired term of James Baxter, and in 1880 was elected county commissioner for the term of three years, on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Landon is a member of the Baptist Church at Lancaster. Mr. Landon has been successful in his business, and very

few who have started out to make their fortunes at so young an age as he have succeeded so well. Honesty in business and probity of life have been his rule of life, and once a friend of his always a friend has been the result. He has now customers who have dealt with him forty-five years. Such a testimonial is vouchsafed to few men in this world.

Mr. Landon is in remarkably good health for a man who has been so long engaged in the milling business, night and day. He deserves his success as the reward for such persevering labor, as well as for his pluck. A boy who at that age was laden with the responsibility of a family and of debt, is seldom able to come out from under the load, and if he does is usually soured. Mr. Landon is as cheery as if everything had gone smoothly for him in this world, and does not show in his manner the troubles he has come through.

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JOHN W. LINCK, attorney-at-law, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, December 7, 1843. He was the son of Frederick E. and Esther (Todd) Linck, who were natives, the father of Germany, and the mother of Ireland.

His father came to the United States when sixteen years old. He was a farmer and teamster.

John W. Linck, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools and at Asbury College—now DePauw Uni-

versity—at Greencastle, Indiana, which he attended for two years after leaving the army.

On June 19, 1861, he joined Co. K, 13th Ind. Inf. Vols., as a drummer boy; was out in the field in active service, over three years, in that capacity, and was in all of the battles in which his regiment fought during that time.

He began the study of law in 1866, under the Hon. William Hale, of Iowa. He attended the lectures at the law school at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee. He returned to Madison, Indiana, and continued the study of law in the office of Messrs. Allison & Friedley, and was admitted to the bar in 1867. During the time of studying in the office of Allison & Friedley, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and served as such, for the double purpose of continuing his studies and of maintenance, as he was quite poor. He was appointed Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, which office he held for two years, and was also City Attorney for two years. He was appointed by Gov. Baker, Prosecutor of the Criminal Court of Jefferson county, upon its organization, and was afterward elected, and held the office for nearly four years, or so long as the court was in existence.

He was United States Commissioner from 1874 to 1877.

He was director of the Indiana State Prison, South, for four years, up to 1880, when he resigned, before the expiration of

his commission, in order to accept the place of elector for the Fourth Congressional District of Indiana on the Garfield ticket.

From 1881 to 1885, he was postmaster at Madison. In 1886 he was elected as Representative from Jefferson county to the State Legislature. While in the House of Representatives he was chairman of the committee of public buildings; chairman of the special election committee; also chairman of one branch of the committee on prisons. He was re-elected in 1888, Representative from Jefferson county on the Republican ticket. In politics he is a Republican.

He was married in 1868, to Miss Julia LaCroix, of Nashville, Tenn., who died in 1870, leaving one child, Stella Esther, and was again married to Miss Mina Frevert, who died in 1884, leaving one child, Lizzette.

Mr. Linck is a member of the G. A. R., and the order of Masons, of the I. O. O. F., Red Men, of the Grand Lodge of U. O. and K. of G. R. He was an original stockholder in the Madison Woolen Mills. He assisted in organizing the Madison Stove Foundry, and was its first secretary. He was also one of the original stockholders in the Cotton Mill. He is a member of Fire Co. No. 1., of Madison; and a member of the M. and M. Club, Board of Trade. Mr. Linck owns 160 acres of land in Jefferson county, Ind., and a fine orange grove in Florida, together with several houses in the city of Madison.

ZEPHANIAH LLOYD, farmer, Republican township, Jefferson county. The subject of this sketch is a farmer, and has always resided on a farm, having been born on one. He was born in Somerset county, on the eastern shore of Maryland, in the year 1805.

Mr. Lloyd was left an orphan when only five years of age; his mother died when he was only three months old. He was reared by his half-brother, Mr. Tubmond Wright, and came West, and settled in Switzerland county, Ind., in the spring of 1817, when he (Lloyd) was only twelve years old. He remained with his half-brother until 1822, when he was seventeen years old, when he came to Jefferson county, where he has resided ever since.

His brother Tubmond Wright died in March, 1828, at the age of 39 years; he was a farmer of Switzerland county, Ind.

Mr. Lloyd was married, in 1824, to Miss Anna Latimore, who was a native of North Carolina, and came to Indiana in 1811, with her father, Daniel Latimore, who was a farmer of this county.

Mrs. Lloyd died September 23, 1881, at the age of 81 years and 8 months. She was a member of the M. E. Church for sixty-two years. Mr. Lloyd has raised nine children, and has lived to see them all married—six girls and three boys, viz: Isabel, Elizabeth, Rhoda, Jane, Rebecca, Delpha, Oliver, Zephaniah, and Marion. Rebecca died January 31, 1868; Elizabeth died June 28, 1882; Rhoda died August 1, 1883.

Mr. Lloyd bought the eighty acres of land upon which he now lives in 1830.

Mr. Lloyd is the only one of his family now living; he is one of the oldest citizens now in the county, and is a good citizen, a man who is well liked by his acquaintances, respected by his neighbors, and loved by his friends.

He now resides in the family of his son, Zephaniah, who takes care of him, as he is almost blind, so much so as to be unable to read or do any labor which requires sight.

In June, 1887, Mr. Lloyd visited his old home, in Switzerland county, to attend an old settlers' meeting, it being seventy years since he landed in that county; there were only three persons that were then living in the county, who were still alive. Mr. Lloyd has attended all of the old settlers' meetings of Jefferson county, and says that there are very few of them who are still living.

Mr. Lloyd has had a long and useful life, and now, at the age of 83, cannot expect to tarry much longer on earth, but when he is called he will be sorrowed for as for one who has done his duty.

Zephaniah Lloyd, Jr. (or young Zeph, as he is called by his friends and neighbors), is married and has a family of two children, Eva J. and Thomas L. Eva is married to Orlando Cooperiden, a farmer of this township; Thomas L. is in his sixteenth year, and is at home with his parents. Young Zeph. married Miss Sarah I. Cosby, of Smyrna township.

JOSEPH H. LOCHARD (deceased) was born October 22, 1810, in Cumberland county, Pa. His father, James Lochard, was a Revolutionary soldier, of Scotch birth. After the war he came to Pennsylvania, and there married Mary Hicks (or Heicks), daughter of George Hicks, who was a large land owner in Cumberland county; he was bitterly opposed to the match, and the young people eloped and were married. Several children were born of this marriage, the youngest of whom was the subject of this sketch. The father emigrated, with his family, to Indiana in 1810, and settled on the site of Brooksbury, on the Ohio river, in Jefferson county. He died shortly afterward—about 1815—and was buried near the mouth of Locust creek, Kentucky. This left the family dependent on the mother and themselves. The mother, who was an invalid, suffering severely with sick headache, died a few years after the father, leaving the family in a strange, wild land without any parental protection or guidance.

In his boyhood the subject of this sketch was bound to Mr. James McCarty. During this time clothing and shoes were hard to procure, and the boy was compelled to dress in the summer in a tow linen shirt as his entire suit, always barefooted—often he would be barefooted until midwinter. When he first went to Mr. McCarty's his clothing was so wretched that Mrs. McCarty—afterward Mrs. Stewart—pitied him so much that she made his first pair of pants from a large linen apron of her own. Upon the death of Mr. McCarty the boy

returned home, and being very desirous of procuring an education, he went to a Mr. Simmons, who was teaching a subscription school in the neighborhood, and bargained with him for a winter's schooling, for which he paid with beans. During this winter he found that he must have a slate in order to succeed with his studies, and how to get it without money was a problem of considerable trouble to study; after a time he procured work for a day from a neighbor, for which he received one bushel of corn in payment, then he worked another day for the use of a horse, and took his bushel of corn to mill, and had it ground, and then he carried it to Madison (seven miles) and sold the corn-meal for eighteen and three-fourth cents, and with that purchased a slate. He studied at night by the light of burning hickory bark, and thus got a little information which was of very great value to him in after life.

He was first married when only eighteen years old, on the 18th of June, 1829, to Miss Nancy Bear, who was born April 5, 1815, and died August 15, 1844. There were three children from this union who were reared to maturity: Vilitta, Solomon B. and Sarah E. Just before this marriage he worked for three months for the sum of twelve dollars, with which he bought clothing at Madison, paying prices for it which would now be considered enormous.

When first married he made the furniture for his cabin himself. The bedstead was made by boring holes in the house logs for one end of the rails and setting up posts for the other end of the rails; the

rails were made of sapling poles cut in the woods, and the ends dressed down with the axe to a size to fit the holes in the house logs and in the posts; then across these poles, for a bottom for the bed, were placed smaller poles. The chairs or stools were made by splitting logs of a proper diameter and hewing one side smoothly, then boring holes through the slab he put legs to them. About this time he began to chop cordwood for steamboat use. The first winter was spent in chopping wood for a very pious old man, who prayed much. He let his account stand open, not drawing any wages until the last of the wood was cut and delivered at Madison; then he found that the old man had overdrawn his account, and not a cent could be collected for his winter's work. With the money from this wood he had hoped to get a horse and some other property of which he was sadly in need.

He continued to chop wood, and in the course of a few years he moved to Kentucky, where he owned an interest in a wood yard. From there he returned to Jefferson county, Ind., again in 1840, and settled in the place now known as Manville, where he engaged in a grocery store; his beginning was on a small scale. A few years later he built a business house in that place, known as Lochard's Store, where he continued to do business until 1866, when he removed his store to Canaan, Shelby township (his store was formerly in Milton township), where he continued in business until 1878, when he sold out to his two sons, S. B. and C. H. Lochard.

From this time he only engaged in his private business, assisting his sons by advice in their store until March 22, 1887, when he died.

Mr. Lochard was three times married; his second wife was Phœbe Sherman, who had before married George Bear. She was born on the 23d of June, 1819, and died May 18, 1875. There was born one son, Cyrus H., who attained majority, by this marriage.

His third marriage was to Anna M. Wick, who survived him about one year.

Mr. Lochard served as justice of the peace for about fourteen years; in his younger days he flatboated on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. He was a prominent Mason.

Mr. Lochard was emphatically a self-made man, coming in his old age to a position of ease and affluence; having started in early life in want, by industry, energy and perseverance and strict application to business, overcame all obstacles and made himself a success in life as a business man, and in an old age enjoyed the fruits of his labors.

He acquired quite a fortune in money and stock.

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CHARLES V. LORING (deceased), the subject of this sketch, was born in Jefferson county, March 20, 1827. He was the son of Richard Loring, a native of Kentucky, who came to this county at a very early date. Mr. Charles V. Loring was raised a



farmer, educated in the common schools of the county.

At the age of 23 he was married to Cynthia McClelland, daughter of Robert and Esther (Benefiel) McClelland. Robert McClelland came to Indiana in the year 1814. The result of this marriage is three children: Mary, married to John B. Sellick; Mahala and William.

Mr. Loring was a man of prominence among his neighbors. He held the office of justice of the peace for one term. He was a member of the Home Guards during the war. He lived on his farm near Bryantsburgh till the day of his death, which occurred January 10, 1888. He was a kind husband and father, a good citizen. He owned a farm of 100 acres of well-improved land at the time of his death, where his widow still resides. She is cared for and supported by her son William, who is a good son, therefore a good citizen.

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JOHN MATHIS (deceased) was a farmer of Shelby township. He was born in Trimble county, Ky., in 1808. He came to Indiana at an early date, with his mother, who was Miss Mary Warden previous to her marriage to Mr. William Mathis, father of the subject of this sketch. His father died some time before his widow; and she, with a family of young children, came to this State, and made a new home for them, and raised them to be good citizens.

Mr. Mathis was married March 24, 1831,

to Miss Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Nathan Lee, who came to Indiana from Kentucky about 1815. Mr. Mathis and wife were the parents of twelve living children: William W., Nancy A., Mary J., Nathan L., Elijah, Susan, Rachel, Cytha, Elizabeth, Warner H., Malinda, Ealy and Richard. They are all married who are living, but two, Ealy and Richard, who are still at home with their mother, their father having died in 1876.

Mr. Mathis was one of the pioneers of this county, and one of its best men. He was a prominent member and earnest supporter of the Baptist Church for forty years before he died. He was liberal and honest with his neighbors, and is much missed by his large circle of friends and relatives.

He voted for Mr. William H. Harrison for President in 1840, and was a Whig in politics, and an ardent supporter of Henry Clay. When the old Whig party ceased, he voted the Republican ticket. He owned 115 acres of well-improved land, which is now owned by his youngest son, Richard, who cares for his widowed mother and youngest sister.

Three of the sons, William W., Nathan L. and Elijah, served through the whole of the war. William was a Sergeant, and served for five years—he lives in Nebraska; Elijah lives in Jefferson county, and Nathan L. is a farmer in Kansas.

Richard Mathis, the youngest son, was born Jan. 1, 1854, is not married, and is one of the best and foremost farmers of Jefferson county.

WM. H. MATTHEWS, county clerk, is a native of Hanover township, Jefferson county, and was born June 16, 1849. The names of his parents are William and Martha (Pogue) Matthews, both natives of Pennsylvania. His mother was raised in Madison, was a member of one of the old families in Madison, and is now dead. His father is still living at the age of 85. Mr. Matthews was raised on a farm and was educated at Hanover College. On leaving the farm he was engaged as a drug clerk. In 1876 he went into the county clerk's office, with Mr. A. L. Shannon, and remained there as deputy clerk for eight years, with Mr. Shannon and Mr. W. E. Jackman. In 1884 he was elected county clerk. In November, 1882, was married to Miss Mollie DeLaste, of Madison.

Mr. Matthews was recently a candidate for re-election to the clerk's office as the nominee of the Republican party, and was elected.

ROBERT MATHEWS is a native of Jefferson county, Ind. Was born November 15, 1837. Is a son of Richard and Nancy (Jackman) Mathews, who were natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania. His father settled in Shelby township, this county, in 1818, on a farm. He died in 1869.

The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm. In 1862 he joined the Fifty-fifth Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. A, which fought in Kentucky.

In 1864 he was married to Miss Nancy

A. Demaree, daughter of William U. Demaree. Two children blesses this union,—Ida and W. R.

Mr. Mathews owns 317 acres of land. Has been secretary of the Madison and Canaan Turnpike Company since 1874. This pays about six per cent on capital stock. He is one of Jefferson county's most thrifty and successful farmers.

WILLIAM MATTHEWS, farmer, Hanover township, was born in Indiana county, Pa., January 23, 1803. In 1812 came to Butler county, Ohio, with his parents, where his father farmed for eighteen months, and then moved to this county.

The subject of this sketch was then only twelve years of age, when his father settled on a farm in what is now Hanover township, and is consequently one of the earliest settlers of this county. He attended the schools, such as they were, log cabins and puncheon seats. There were no public schools in those days.

Mr. Matthews has been on the same farm that his father settled on at that time ever since, except one summer spent in Pennsylvania. He made three trips to New Orleans on a flatboat—the first in 1820, the second in 1825, and the third in 1833. This country was very wild when he made the first trip. He is perhaps the oldest citizen of the county who flatboated to New Orleans; and one of the oldest citizens, as he came

here before Indiana was a State, and settled in the woods.

He was married in 1832 to Miss Martha Pogue, daughter of John Pogue, who came here from Kentucky, but was a native of Virginia.

Mrs. Matthews was one of the pioneer school-teachers of the county. They raised six children, three boys and three girls: Elizabeth, Ellen C., John P., Salome J., Harrison H. and William H. Ellen C. died in the 19th year of her age, May 27, 1855. Mr. Matthews has served for two years as supervisor of roads.

Mr. Matthews is a member of Carmel U. P. Church. He owns 110 acres of land, one and one-half miles west of Hanover, and adjoining Carmel Church, and three-quarters of a mile south of the Lexington and Hanover Pike.

He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Coleman) Matthews, both natives of Pennsylvania.

His father died in his 84th year, and his mother in her 76th year.

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FRANCIS FRESH MAYFIELD, farmer, Wirt, was born in Trimble county, Ky., April 29, 1819, is a son of Joshua and Lucinda (Ouseley) Mayfield, who were natives of Kentucky, his mother being a cousin of Governor Ouseley, a former Governor of Kentucky. She died in 1876. His father came to this county and settled in what is now Monroe township, in 1831; was a

farmer and held the office of Justice of the Peace. He was in good circumstances and a prominent member of the Baptist Church. He died in 1876. He raised eight children, Francis F. being the oldest.

Mr. Francis F. Mayfield sold goods and packed pork in Dupont, from 1845 till in 1868. He married, in October, 1850, Miss Adelaide, daughter of Capt. Samuel Wilson, an Englishman by birth, who was an old citizen of Madison. In 1851 and '52 Mr. Mayfield was a member of the State Legislature, and assisted in the revision of the Statutes of Indiana. In 1868 he went to Columbus, and there engaged extensively in the pork-packing business, but finally lost heavily. From Columbus he returned to Dupont, in this county, where he lived several years; during this time he was justice of the peace for that township, for three years. In 1884 he moved to a farm near Wirt. He was provost marshal during the war. He has three sons and five daughters. His oldest son is cashier in bank at Edinburgh; the younger son also there. Is a Freemason.

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GEORGE T. MAYFIELD is a native of this county, and was born October 17, 1856. His parents were Jephtha and Emilie J. (Dailey) Mayfield, natives of Kentucky and of Jefferson county, Ind.

His Grandfather Dailey was an early settler of this county, from Kentucky. His father was also an early settler

here. Mr. G. T. Mayfield received an academic education. He has been deputy assessor of the township, under D. J. Ryker, in 1850. In 1879 was deputy U. S. Marshal of Nebraska, under his uncle Wm. Dailey, who was marshal of that State.

In 1880 he started in business in Rising Sun, Ind., and in October, 1883, commenced business in Wirt—dry goods. He does a business of about \$10,000.

He was married to Miss Addie W. Mayfield, of Wirt, in 1888. Mr. Mayfield is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and a successful business man.

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BURDITT MAYFIELD, farmer, is a native of Jefferson county; was born Aug. 16, 1835; is the son of Joshua Mayfield and Lucinda Mayfield, both of whom were natives of Kentucky; both are now dead. Joshua Mayfield was born in Kentucky, and removed to Indiana at an early date. His mother's father, Willis Ouseley, was a Revolutionary soldier.

Mr. Burditt Mayfield was raised on a farm and received an ordinary education of the time of his youth.

He was married, at the age of 23, November 4, 1858, to Mehitabel Chambers, daughter of Isaac Chambers, of Jefferson county, who was a native of Kentucky, and a pioneer in the settlement of Indiana. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was at the battle of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield were the parents of only one child, who was born August 25, 1859, and died October 13, 1864.

He was elected township assessor in 1886, and now fills that office. He owns forty acres of good land, well improved. He is a good farmer and citizen.

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JAMES A. MCGEE, farmer, Monroe tp. The grandfather of Mr. McGee, whose name was James McGee, was a native of Ireland, a linen weaver by trade. He emigrated from there about 1800, and came to the State of Virginia, where he resided until 1822, when he came to Jefferson county, Ind., where he died.

His wife's name was Mary Hook, and she was also a native of the Emerald Isle. Mr. McGee was a soldier in the war of 1812-15, taking the Irishman's side of the fight where England is engaged—that is, against her. There is a relic of his service still preserved in the family of his descendant, James A. McGee, in the shape of a bayonet which the old Irishman carried during his service.

In Virginia, in April, 1802, was born to this pair a son, whom they called William. William came to Indiana, with his parents, and here raised a family.

Mr. James McGee was one of their sons, and was born December 21, 1830, in Jefferson county, and has made it his home ever since. Mr. McGee was born on a farm, and has been a farmer all his life except while he was engaged in the army. He

was educated in the schools of his youth time.

In 1855 he married Mehitabel Smith, and they had six children: John W., Albert T., George F., Jennie, Howard H., and Harry S. His wife died in 1871, and he married again in 1877, Sarah C. Mower, who was Henry Smith's widow, daughter of Jacob P. Mower, a native of Wirtemberg, Germany. From this union there are three children: Arthur B., Effie E. and Robert B.

Mr. McGee enlisted in Co. H, 40th Ind. Vols., in 1864, and was in the following battles: Spring Hill, Columbia, Overton's Hill, Franklin and Nashville, besides a number of minor engagements. He was in the front rank at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., where the regiment went in with seven hundred men, and could muster only one hundred and fifty after coming out.

After the war he settled down to the quiet life of the farmer. He owns 154 acres of well-improved land in this county. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R., and is a prematurely old man by reason of his life in the army.

He has never been an office seeker, but has held some positions of profit and trust with credit to himself.

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JOHN F. MCKAY, farmer, Smyrna township, was born in the house in which he now resides, May 10, 1831. He was brought up on a farm, and attended the district schools of this county, and com-

menced a course of study at College Hill College, but was prevented from completing it by sickness. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Francis) McKay.

His father was a native of Barren county, Ky., and came to Indiana with his parents in 1816, and located at this place, where he continued to reside until his death in 1835. His mother was a native of Ohio; died May 12, 1849.

His Grandfather Alexander McKay was a native of Scotland, and was married in Scotland, died in Jefferson county, Ind., 1819. His Grandfather Francis came to the United States from Ireland, and settled first in Ohio; afterward came to Jefferson county, and settled two miles east of Dupont, about 1820, where he continued to reside until his death in 1838. He was a weaver by trade, and worked some at his trade in this country.

Mr. McKay owns 165 acres of land, 40 timbered, one and one-half miles west of home place. He raises a number of cattle every year. Mr. McKay was never married. Mr. McKay is a man always ready to help in a good cause, and is well liked by all who know him. He has the esteem of his neighbors, as is shown by the fact that he was elected five years successively as constable from 1855 to 1859 inclusive; afterward, in 1870, he was elected for two years, but resigned before his term expired.

He was appointed County Commissioner the last day of January, 1887, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Wm. L. Cosby; the term of office expires

this month. Mr. McKay is one of our best citizens.

WILLIAM E. McLELAND was born September 21, 1814, in Clark county, Ky., and on the 5th of November of the same year landed with his parents at Buchanan's Station, in the northeast corner of this county. This State was then a Territory. This would make Mr. McLeland one of the oldest living inhabitants of this county. He was brought up on a farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he engaged as a clerk in a country store at Canaan, for Mr. John Cain, with whom he remained for about one year. He then engaged as a clerk for Mr. E. S. Ayres, who was a merchant in Canaan.

In 1837 he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Wesley McCoy, and bought Mr. Ayres out, and continued in business with Mr. McCoy for several years, when Mr. McCoy withdrew from the firm. Capt. McLeland then formed a partnership with Mr. R. M. Salyers, and they continued in business until August, 1855, when they closed out their business and came to Madison, Mr. R. M. Salyers as Sheriff of the county and McLeland as his deputy. In 1847 Capt. McLeland was elected Justice of the Peace at Canaan, and held the office for eight years.

December 24, 1835, he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. R. L. Wilkinson, a Virginian, living at Canaan,

and has seven living children, four boys and three girls: Matilda J., who married John D. Schmidlapp, and lives in Denver, Col.; Thomas E., living in Shoshone county, Idaho, County Auditor and Recorder; Louisa E. died in 1843, two years old; Lizzie E. married Dr. W. A. McCoy, of Madison, Ind. Charles R., druggist; Hosier Durbin, insurance and real estate business in Denver, Colorado, married Cara, daughter of A. S. Partridge, St. Louis, Mo.; William O., secretary F. and M. Insurance Co., Madison, Ind., married Eva S., daughter of D. G. Phillips, Madison, Ind.; Harriet N., living at home.

In 1858 the subject of this sketch was elected Sheriff of Jefferson county, on the Republican ticket, and served until 1861. He then went into the army as Quartermaster of the Sixth Indiana Vol. Infantry. One year later was promoted to rank of Captain and Commissary of Subsistence, and served on the staff of Gen. R. W. Johnson, of the regular army. At the close of the war was appointed postmaster at Madison. After serving nearly two years was removed by President Johnson, because the Captain did not approve of his politics. Afterward was appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue, and served five years, when the office was abolished.

In 1871 he engaged in the manufacture of harness and saddles, in this city, and continued at it until his health gave way and he was not able to work any longer, when he sold out the business in 1880.

Capt. McLeland has held the office and

commission of notary public for twenty-one years, and still holds the commission.

In 1884 he was taken with something like paralysis, from which he has not been able since to walk without crutches; two years of the time was confined to his bed.

Capt. McLeland has been a member of the M. E. Church since 1836, and was one of the trustees and a member of the building committee of Trinity Church of this city. Has been a member of Monroe Lodge, I. O. O. F., since 1839, and a member of the Encampment for thirty years; also a member of the G. A. R. His parents were Robert and Esther C. (Benefiel) McLeland, both natives of Montgomery county, Ky.

His father died in 1853, aged 62 years. His mother died in 1873, at the age of 78 or 79 years.

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WILLIAM ROBBINS (deceased), the subject of this sketch, was born in Kentucky in 1784. He was brought up in perilous times from the wild beast of the country and the still wilder and more cruel men, the Indians. His first visit to Indiana Territory was in 1804, when he came to visit his mother's brother, John Ryker, who had a claim in Eagle Creek Valley, about three miles east of where Madison now is.

He brought flour, sugar and coffee to his uncle, luxuries which were not to be had at that time in the little settlement of Indiana. During this journey he saw deer, bears, panthers and various kinds of smaller

game. He crossed the Ohio in a pirogue, his horse swimming by the side of the boat.

In 1809 Mr. Robbins settled permanently in Jefferson county, or what was afterward so named, making his home with his uncle, Mason Watts, who had built a log cabin two miles north of the present site of Canaan. The Indians were troublesome about this time, and he enlisted as a ranger, and was several months in that service, headquarters at Buchanan's Station. The company in which he served was along Indian Kentucky creek, and was commanded by James McCoy as captain; this was in 1811-12.

He was with Gen. W. H. Harrison when Detroit was taken, and at the battle of the River Thames where Tecumseh was killed; but just who fired that fatal shot he could never tell. After the war he settled on a tract of land, two and one-half miles north of Canaan, which he bought of the Government.

He was married on the 21st of January, 1816, to Elizabeth Wildman, who was the daughter of James Wildman, an early settler. He was married by Elder Jesse Vawter.

Mr. Robbins was a great hunter, and kept his family fully supplied with meat by the use of his gun. Game of all kinds was plenty in the forest at that time—beasts and birds. He was in Madison at the first sale of lots by John Paul and Jonathan Lyons; the lots were about where the court-house now stands; they sold for about fifteen dollars apiece.

The result of his marriage was eight children, who lived to the age of maturity, viz: Eliza, Mary A., James, Aaron, Elizabeth, Martha, Ryker and John W.; of these, two girls and four boys are now living (in 1888).

Mr. Wm. Robbins died in 1884, at his son Aaron's; he had been blind for some years. He was a centenarian, and the last of his compeers to pass away to the Spirit Land. His wife died in 1856. He was a member of the Baptist Church for many years before his death.

His youngest daughter, Martha, was married to James Christie, February 24, 1846, and to them were born two children: John W. and Mary Elizabeth. Her husband died July 11, 1850, and she re-married in October, 1855, to William B. East, and to them were born five children, viz: George O., Ryker A., Minerva A., Fannie D. and Bailey S. Her second husband died January 26, 1865, and she married a third time, in 1884, to Enos Miles, who died in 1887. She still lives in the village of Bryantsburgh. Her eldest son enlisted in the Tenth Reg. Ind. Vols., and served through the war.

Mrs. Miles has raised her family almost unaided, and has been successful in giving all of them a good common-school education. She has lived to see all of her children grown and married.

She has been an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for some twenty years.

JOHN G. MOORE, Recorder of Jefferson county, is a native of Madison, and was born October 9, 1834. His father was a Quaker; he was an early settler in Madison, and married Miss Sarah A. McIntyre, daughter of John McIntyre, who came to Madison in 1814, and was long a merchant of this city. Mr. Moore, the father, was a merchant here, but has been dead many years past. Mr. Moore, the subject of this sketch, was raised in Madison and educated at the school of Rev. Mr. Adams. In 1862, joined the Fourth Indiana Cavalry as a private. On June 11, 1863, was promoted to first lieutenant in Commissary Department of the regiment; he resigned in June, 1864, on account of sickness. He was in many battles of the regiment. Prior to the war was engaged in the drug business in 1855 or '56, and resumed that business after the war. He was elected to the City Council from the First Ward twice, it being a strong Democratic ward, and he a Republican. Was subsequently elected Commissioner of Water Works for the city; also served as City Clerk for one term. In November, 1886, was elected as Recorder of Jefferson county, and is now holding that office. He was married in 1861 to Miss Adelaide Hill, of Madison. He has no children, having lost five. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Parley Hill. He is a member of G. A. R. and I. O. O. F. He was a delegate from his district to the National Encampment G. A. R., at Columbus, Ohio, September, 1888.



ROBERT MORTON, farmer, Hanover township, is the son of John and Jeanette (Weir) Morton, who were natives of Scotland, and came to the United States in 1819. Mr. Morton was born March 7, 1845, in Switzerland county, Ind., and was brought up in that county until he was eleven years of age, when he came to Jefferson county with his parents, and located in Hanover township. He is unmarried and lives on his farm of 89 acres on the Hanover and Lexington Pike, three miles west of Hanover. His farm is well improved and well stocked. He is a great admirer of blooded stock, and is trying to get the best for his farm. He also owns a farm of 86 acres, two miles south of this one. He is a member of Carmel (U. P.) Church, and is one of the trustees of that church.

JOHN. W. MORTON is the son of John and Jeanette (Weir) Morton, who were natives of Scotland.

He was born in Switzerland county, Ind., April 3, 1835. Was raised on a farm and has been a farmer all of his life. In 1864 he joined the 137th Reg. Ind. Vols.; was a private, and was out until near the close of the war.

He owns 93 acres of land.

He was married in 1860 to Miss Rhoda Swann, a native of Jefferson county. She died, and he married Miss Nancy Hastie, of Scott county. He has four children: James, Harry, Robert and Frank.

His father located in Jefferson county, in 1857, and died the same year. His mother died in 1875. He has two brothers and five sisters.

LOUIS MUTH, farmer, Monroe township, was a native of Bavaria, Germany; came to this country with his father, John Muth, who settled in New Marion, Ripley county, Ind. Louis learned the tailor's trade, but preferred farming.

He married, in 1872, Miss Margaret Friedersdorff, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Peter Friedersdorff, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany.

The result of this marriage was four children: George, aged 17; William Bright, aged 14; Minnie, aged 11; and Maggie, aged 8. Mr. Muth belongs to the Lutheran Church, and is opposed to secret orders.

He owns 150 acres of land, and is a good farmer and a contented man.

COL. JNO. N. PATTON, farmer, Monroe township, was born in Belfast, Ireland, about the year 1750; emigrated to this country before the Revolution of 1776-83, and served in that war on the side of the Union Colonies. Among other children born to him was Matthew Patton; to Matthew was born Hezekiah E. Patton, in Bunkum county, N. C., July 25, 1779.

Hezekiah migrated to Indiana in 1814, and settled in Jefferson county, at what is now the site of Mud Lick. Afterward bought Section 21, Township 10, Range 5 North, where he resided until 1850; then removed to North Madison, where he died.

Upon this farm, the subject of our sketch, Major (as he is usually called) John N. Patton, was born August 31, 1825. He was raised on a farm, got a good plain education, the best afforded by the schools of the time. Taught school for a number of years, and was married on January 1, 1850, to Eliza Woodfill, daughter of Daniel Woodfill, of Jefferson county. After marrying he settled down to life as a farmer on the farm upon which he was born, and still resides there. The result of this union was seven children, viz: Kitty, who married George W. Altizer, and moved to Kansas, and died there; Sarah A., who died in infancy; Mary married C. Kohl; Julia A. married Frank M. McLelandell (now a widow, 1888); J. Morton married Annie Taylor; Alice Cary married to John Spann, living at New Albany, Ind.; Robert E. died an infant; Eliza H., now at home.

June 16, 1862, he was mustered into United States service as first lieutenant of Co. C, Fifty-fourth Regiment Indiana Vol. Infantry, promoted to the rank of captain, served until August 25, 1863; then organized company in First Independent Battalion Infantry, and was made Major; at the close of service, brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel for services rendered. After close of

the war settled down again to the life of the farm; and he has since lived on his farm of 100 acres of land in Monroe township, Jefferson county. Is a member of the G. A. R., John A. Hendricks Post, No. 107. His father's mother was Kate McColough, who was a sister to Ben McColough, the Confederate General, and daughter of Elijah McCollough, whose father settled in the mountains of Virginia, near the North Carolina line, in the last century, and came from the Highlands of Scotland. The mother of Col. Patton was Anna Wilson, daughter of Nathaniel Wilson, who came to this county as early as 1809; Ohioans by birth, they went to Kentucky, then Indiana.

Margaret Patton, an aunt of Col. Patton, organized the first Sunday-school in Jefferson county; all who were her pupils, except James Baxter, now in Oregon, are dead.

Hezekiah E. Patton, the father of the subject of our sketch, was a soldier in the War of 1812; was an advocate for freedom and free speech, he, with Captain Isaac Chambers and James Baxter, having held a mob of some sixty persons at bay, while a free-soil abolitionist delivered a lecture in the log school-house in the year 1836. The mob were armed and equipped with all things necessary to tar-and-feather and ride the speaker on a rail, but so soon as they saw the three old stalwart soldiers on picket, armed with their old squirrel rifles and their hunting knives in their belts, they considered discretion

the better part of valor, and retired to the woods and held a picnic, and our subject, the son, is a firm believer in the theory

That Freedom's battle once begun,  
Bequeathed from bleeding sire to son.

He died in July, 1856.

DR. BENJAMIN A. PENN was born in Shelby township, Jefferson county, July 22, 1824. He was the son of Ephraim and Mary Ann (Warfield) Penn.

His father was a native of Pennsylvania and a descendant of William Penn, the founder of that State.

Benjamin Penn, grandfather of Dr. Penn, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The father of Dr. Penn was born in 1784, and came to Kentucky about the year 1800; he first stopped at Maysville a short time, and removed from there to Frankfort, where he located.

He bought or entered three different tracts of land, which he lost by priority of title in other names. He married in Kentucky, and removed to Indiana about the year 1816, so that part of his children were born in Kentucky and the younger part in Indiana.

He settled in Shelby township, about two miles west of where the town of Canaan now is, and built the first brick house in that township.

Dr. Penn was born on this farm, and spent his life here until his thirteenth year. He attended school, first going to John

Gillespie, one of the pioneer teachers of the county. Among other teachers to whom he went were Thomas Hicklin, Wm. H. Phillipps, and Henry Mavity, who all became prominent men. The school-house was built by his father and two or three other settlers.

Dr. Penn studied in these schools, besides the elementary branches, Latin, Chemistry and Natural Philosophy. At the age of sixteen he spent one year in the office of Dr. Thomas Watson, of Shelby county, Ky., in the study of medicine. Then he returned home and read in the office of Dr. Howard Watts, of Madison, for two years. Then he read the library of Dr. Hyel Morrison, also of Madison. About this time he went to Lewis county, Ky., and read and practiced one year with Dr. T. O. Mershon. Then he put up his shingle independently, or on his own hook, Sept. 20, 1846, at Oldtown, Ky., and practiced for three years, and then removed to a point near Camden, Carroll county, Ind. In 1853 he removed to Miami, and remained there until February, 1857, from whence he removed to Jefferson county, Ind., where he has since resided, first at Canaan for two years, and since then at Bryantsburgh.

After coming to this county he attended lectures at Cincinnati, and graduated in the class of 1864-65.

On the 4th of November, 1856, at Miami, he was married to Miss Rebecca E. Guest, and they have five children: Luke, born July 23, 1857; Mary, June 8, 1860; Ben F., April 5, 1866; John S., September 10, 1867, and Silas, September 22, 1872. The

eldest son is a practicing physician in Aurora, Ind.; he read medicine with his father and attended lectures at the Louisville School of Medicine. Mary married J. G. Butt, of Illinois, and has three sons. Ben F. is traveling in Montana; John is in Janesville, Wis., attending a school of telegraphy, and Silas is still at home with his parents.

Dr. Penn's parents both died in the 73d year of their age, his father in 1856 and his mother in 1860.

At the age of 17 Dr. Penn joined the Baptist Church, but left that church at Miami, Ind., because there was no Baptist church there, and united with the Christian Church; he then withdrew from that church on account of peace principles and established a church called the Church of the Prince of Peace; but owing to a difficulty in procuring a room for meeting, it was discontinued, and he became a member of the Hebron Baptist Church, and has remained a member in that church to the present.

Dr. Penn owns and resides on a very nice little farm of fifty acres of good land.

Since his graduation at Miami Medical College he has studied the German and Greek languages, so as to speak, read and write the German and to read and teach the Greek.

Dr. Penn was ordained a minister of the Christian Church, and has devoted a large portion of time, study and hard service in teaching and preaching the pure and unadulterated word of God as given to the world by Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and His Apostles, and in opposition to

human creeds, human churches and war under all shapes and forms.

SQUIRE PHILLIPS, farmer, Shelby township, was born in Jefferson county, in 1832. He never went to school more than three months in his life. About the time that boys are in school now, he was busy as a hand at log rolling, cabin building, and other work. He has been a farmer all of his life, and is a very good one, as the farm he now lives on, of 172½ acres, testifies by producing more now than when he first settled on it.

He is the son of Presby and Sarah (Hall) Phillips. His father was born in Ohio, of Virginia parents, and was one of the first settlers of Jefferson county, Ind. His mother was the daughter of William Hall, who was a soldier at Valley Forge.

At the time Mr. Phillips was a boy the old wooden mould board plough was in use, and the farmers raised the flax from which clothing was made for the family.

He was married in 1857 to Mary E. Cardinal, daughter of John Cardinal, native of England. They have four living children: Charles W., John, Samantha J. and Susan. Charles W. is practicing medicine in Scipio, is a graduate of Ohio Medical College; first studied medicine with Dr. S. B. Lewis, of Canaan. John is farming in Jefferson county, and Susan is at home. Mr. Phillips has never sought office, and

belongs to no secret order, and is a good citizen in every sense of the word. He is a Republican in politics.

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JOHN J. PILES, farmer, Monroe township, was born Nov. 23, 1823, in Kentucky, and is the son of William Piles, a native of Henry county, Ky. His father, Conericus Piles, a native of Virginia, was one of the famous "hunters of Kentucky" of Daniel Boone's days, and was a Revolutionary soldier.

William Piles settled in Switzerland county, Ind., as early as 1825 or '26, where he lived for many years. There he married Elizabeth Haydon, who was the daughter of William Haydon, a native of Virginia, who removed to Kentucky at an early time of his life and lived there a great many years. Of this family, Ben, Jackson, Thomas and Bland Haydon were soldiers in the War of 1812-15.

Mr. John J. Piles was a son of these parents, and was raised on a farm. In 1846 he was married to Miss Cynthia A. Rayburn, daughter of R. Rayburn, a native of Kentucky, of Irish ancestry. Her mother, Nancy Ryden, was a native of Kentucky.

Mr. Piles and wife have never had any children of their own, but have furnished homes for five of other parents, namely: Chas. U. Kenen, Martin L. Rayburn, Nancy J. Piles, and her two daughters, Laura B. and Elizabeth. Mr. Piles went at the first call for troops in the Rebellion, as a pri-

vate in Co. D, Thirty-seventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, and was in all the battles of his regiment, viz: Stone River, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, etc. The regiment was with Sherman in his famous "March to the Sea." Served three years, and came back to farmer's life, settling in Jefferson county, Monroe township. He is a member of the G. A. R. and is a good citizen.

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JOHN F. POMMEREHN was born in Germany, March 20, 1839.

His father's name was Frederick Pommerehn. Both of them came to the United States in 1850, on a sailing vessel, being seven weeks on the passage, arrived in October. His father died in 1882.

John F. Pommerehn settled in Jefferson county. His education was received in Germany. He is a farmer and has worked at milling.

He was married in 1868, to Miss Nancy Taylor, daughter of James Taylor, a native of Scotland. They have nine children: William, Jane, Anna, James, John, Mary, Thomas, Ellen and Cahaney.

He owns 142½ acres of well-improved land in Jefferson county, and has a saw-mill on his farm.

Mr. Pommerehn has succeeded in making a good living, and has accumulated some property besides.

All of his children are living at home with their parents.

Mr. Pommerelm is a member of the Masonic Order, and a well respected citizen.

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JAMES V. RAWLINGS, M. D., Wirt, Jefferson county, is a native of Jefferson county, and was born on a farm in Lancaster township, January 3, 1859. His parents are James E. and Margaret (Walker) Rawlings, natives of Jefferson county, Ind., and of England. His grandfather Vincent Rawlings was a native of Kentucky, and was one of the early settlers of Clark county, Ind., and afterward came to this county; was a tanner by trade, but became a farmer in Lancaster township, where he lived to a good old age.

The father of Dr. Rawlings lives in Lancaster township, on a farm. Dr. Rawlings was reared on a farm, and was educated at the college in Danville, Ind. He studied medicine with Dr. J. W. Flanders, of Dupont, Ind., and graduated in the spring of 1887, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore, Md. He began the practice of medicine at Wirt, has a large practice thus far, and a fine promise for future work.

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EARL T. RECTOR was born in Lancaster township, Jefferson county, January 12, 1842. Daniel Rector, the great-grandfather of E. T. Rector, was the founder of

the Rector family in Jefferson county; was a native of Virginia, and came to Jefferson county as early as 1807. Daniel was in the Ranger service in the War of 1812-15, and was killed at a muster near Kent, Jefferson county, Ind. Daniel Rector, son of Hezekiah, was the father of the subject of our sketch; was born and raised in Lancaster township, Jefferson county, Ind. He married Jane C. Farris, daughter of Leonard Farris, a native of New York. They had ten children, of whom Earl T. Rector was the eldest. Born and reared on a farm, was educated in the common schools of the county. Lived on the farm and learned the plasterer's trade. At the call of President Lincoln for troops, he enlisted in Co. K, Twenty-second Reg. Ind. Vols., Col. Jeff. C. Davis. He was with his regiment in all of the battles in which the regiment was engaged; the principal ones were Pea Ridge, Ark., Corinth, Miss., and Perrysville, Ky., Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and others. He was one of the men of his company who came out of all the battles unhurt. During his last months of service he was in the Pioneer Corps. He came home in 1864, and returned and served until 1865, when he was discharged at close of war. On one occasion, while following Price, he was detailed as forager for provisions, and during the raid he lost all of his clothing but boots and shirt; at a store he found a pair of linen pants, a cut-away coat and a stove pipe hat, all of which he appropriated as contraband of war; and in this costume fought the Johnies for some time during the spring of 1862.

He came home and settled down to a farm life, taking unto himself Miss Irene Craft, as a wife, in 1867. She was the daughter of John B. Craft, a native of New York.

They have three children: John B., Daniel P. and Jennie, who are all at home.

Mr. Rector is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is commander of John A. Hendricks Post, G. A. R.; was a Freemason. He spent the four best years of his life in the army. He is a good citizen and farmer.

Hezekiah Rector, grandfather of Earl T., was a captain of a company in our Colonial war, and he was shot by one of the company's sentinels who refused to be released from duty.

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DR. JOHN H. REYNOLDS was a son of Simeon L. and Charity (Tomlinson) Reynolds, and was born in Jefferson county, Ind., July 17, 1820. His parents were natives of Connecticut and of Irish and English origin.

His father settled in Madison, Ind., in 1815, and was a carpenter by trade. For thirteen years in early life he was a mariner on the ocean. In 1820 he went from Madison to a farm in Jefferson county, and died in 1847.

Dr. Reynolds was raised on the farm, one of thirteen children, educated in the ordinary schools, afterward in a select school. At the age of 24 years he began the study of medicine under Dr. Parley Hill, of New York (who died in Madison,

Ind.), and graduated from the University of St. Louis in 1849. He began the practice of medicine in 1844, where he now is, near Wirt, and has continuously practiced medicine since.

He was married to Miss Maria Hall, of Jefferson county, daughter of Robert M. Hall, of Kentucky, but formerly of North Carolina, and has six living children: Lou, wife of D. Morris, of Kentucky; Sallie C., wife of L. C. Holmes, a Kentucky merchant; Allie, wife of Louis Levey, publisher, Indianapolis; Blanche, wife of John Ross, teller in the First National Bank of Madison; Geo. E., M. D., at Kent, Jefferson county, graduate of Indiana Medical College, and Scott H., M. D., at Scipio, Ind., graduate of Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, O. Dr. Reynolds owns 85 acres of land. He is a fine physician, a good citizen, honored of his neighbors and the public generally.

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JOSEPH T. REYNOLDS, farmer, Lancaster township, is a native of Lancaster township, Jefferson county; was born Feb. 13, 1846, on a farm, and reared on a farm. He attended the common and high schools of the county.

He was married in 1864 to Miss Harriet E. Bonnell, a native of Ohio, but a resident of this county at the time of the marriage. They have four living children, three boys and one girl: George W., Ruth C., Andrew F. and William L.

Mr. Reynolds was elected Justice of the

Peace in this township, in 1886, on the Republican ticket. He lives on a farm of 160 acres of good land, which is in a fine state of cultivation, lying at the edge of Dupont. His parents were William L. and Delilah (Johnson) Reynolds; mother a native of Kentucky; father a native of Vermont. He came to Indiana and located at Madison in 1813; when he first came there were only log cabins in the town.

He drove the first dray in Madison. He entered one-half of the farm where his son now resides. He died in 1876, at the age of 73. His widow died in May, 1882.

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JOHN RICHERT, firm of Fischer & Richert, carriage and wagon manufacturers, 315 East Main street, opposite Court House.

John Richert was born on the 16th day of July, 1835, in Baden, South Germany. Came to the United States in 1857, and located in Johnstown, Pa., where he remained about twenty-one months, working in a rolling mill; but, with the desire to better his condition, he left Pennsylvania in 1859, and came to Madison, Ind. Here he applied himself to the trade of carriage and wagon making, and worked at it for about two years with Mr. J. B. Miller. At the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained about thirteen months working on Government wagons; while there he enlisted to help build the pontoon bridge,

that was constructed with coal barges over the Ohio river, from Cincinnati to Covington, to expedite military forces and supplies. Soon after his return to Madison on board the boat, it was necessary for the boat officials to arm the passengers with muskets to fight their way, should they be attacked by Confederates; they however reached Madison unmolested and in safety. Here he began work to lay the foundation for his present business. He enlisted with the Home Guards, and during the exciting period when Gen. Morgan was expected to cross the Ohio river and make a raid on Madison, he was one of the troops who stood guard on the river front.

He joined partnership with Mr. V. Fischer, and started in the manufacture of wagons upon a small scale. By doing good work and giving their business close attention they have established a large and growing business. They commenced their business where they now are, in an old two-story frame building, but having enlarged their shops as their business increased, in the year 1874 they built the large two-story brick warerooms at present occupied by them, and commenced the manufacture of carriages also. They employ from eighteen to twenty skilled workmen.

Mr. Richert is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and for many years was one of the presiding elders; many of the improvements made are due to his good judgment, of which the congregation can be proud. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. He was married in 1865 to Miss Elisabeth Keller, of Tell City, Ind.;



born in the village of Ruedlinzen, Canton Shaffhausen, Switzerland. Eight children were born to them, six girls and two boys. Their names are—Anna, Elisabeth, Catharine, Magdalene, George, Caroline, Julia and Lemuel. Mr. Richert is a good citizen; upright and honest in his business, his success is deserved, and his integrity has won him the esteem of his friends and the respect of all who know him. He is a good example of what may be attained in the way of competency by any who will employ the same means, honesty and perseverance.

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JOHN R. RITCHIE, farmer, Creswell P. O., Smyrna township, Jefferson county, Ind., is a native of Smyrna township, and was born May 27, 1832; was raised on a farm; attended the common schools of the county, and went to Hanover College for one year. After leaving school he taught a district school in this county for three sessions. At that time teachers were elected by vote. In 1856, October 23, Mr. Ritchie was married to Miss Mary A. Dean, of this county, daughter of John Dean, a native of New York. He has three living children, two girls and one boy: Walter, Lucy and Bertha. Walter married Miss Sarah A. Amsden, of this county; Lucy and Bertha are both living at home. Mr. Ritchie is a member of the Grange Ins. Co., and helped to organize the company. He has a farm of 247 acres of good land, well improved. He is now making a specialty

of *thoroughbred Jersey cattle*. He started his herd with "Miss Fannie," of well-known herd of Mr. John B. Poyntz, of Maysville, Ky., and has now a very fine herd, which he is always pleased to show to anyone. Mr. Ritchie was among the first who run a steam thresher in Jefferson county, and was the first to take a steam thresher on the hill in Trimble county, Ky. His parents were John and Sophia (Branham) Ritchie. John Ritchie was born in Ohio in the year 1807, and came to Jefferson county, with his parents, when only two years old, and lived in this county till his death in 1877, July 9. In 1829 he was married, and in the spring of 1830 located on Harbert's creek, near the present postoffice of Creswell, Smyrna township, where he and Robert Branham built a grist and saw-mill that was run by water; this was one of the first water-mills in the township. They continued to run this mill for a few years, when they put in a steam-engine, making the first steam grist and saw-mill in the township. The same engine is still at work in the saw-mill to this day, having used up four boilers. At the time of starting the steam mill, Mr. Ritchie formed a partnership with Mr. Smiley Sample, the firm name being Ritchie & Sample, for running the mill and a store. This firm continued about two years, when Ritchie bought out Sample's interest in the whole concern, and continued in the milling business till he died. Mr. Ritchie was 69 years old at the time of his death, at which time he owned 500 acres of land, and some houses and lots in Madison, making him worth in all about \$30,000. He was the

largest tax-payer in the township. He was a good manager. He was one of the first members of Smyrna Presbyterian Church, and was a deacon in the church for many years, and gave liberally to the church, and was foremost in assisting all deserving persons and enterprises. He gave \$500 to Hanover College. He was the largest stockholder in the Smyrna and Graham Turnpike Road.

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HIRAM F. ROBBINS, farmer, Monroe township, was born in Worcester county, Mass. His parents were Rufus Robbins and Harriet Farnham, both natives of Massachusetts. His father died when he was eight years old. He lived a few years with a man named Smith, who was a man of wealth and influence; while here he was educated in business and chose a guardian, Daniel Fisk. He began to learn the trade of a carpenter with a man named Wilson, in Southbridge, and served as an apprentice for three years and saved all his money. He then went to work at farming. He attended the manual labor school at Worster, it being so constituted that boys could work their way to education. While here he worked at stone masonry. He then went to work at his trade and built a house for a cotton manufacturer.

After that he started to New Orleans to work at his trade of carpenter, but at Stenbenville, O., he met with a Mr. Cook, who was a contractor, and was employed by

him. He was made the superintendent of the work by Cook. He came to Madison, Ind., Dec. 13, 1838, on the old steamboat "Columbia."

Here he was employed by the civil engineers of the railroad which was being constructed at that time. Next he began to work at house building; he worked on the First Presbyterian Church on Main street (this church stood on the south side of Main street and the west side of the alley), and on many other houses well known to old citizens.

In 1841 he married Miss Amanda Cosby, the daughter of Archibel Cosby, a native of Kentucky. From this marriage came five children: Charles, Benjamin, William H., Edward and Amanda Eliza. William H. died when five years old and Amanda Eliza while an infant. Mrs. Robbins died September 20, 1856, aged thirty-one years one month and eighteen days.

In 1860 he was married a second time to Miss Ella Crittenden, of Columbus, Ind. There were two children born of this marriage, Willie C. and Albert B. Willie is married to Miss Alice Hilbert and lives in Monroe township. Albert B. is unmarried and lives in Illinois. Mr. Robbins was contractor for and built more houses in Madison than any other man who worked in the city. From 1840 to 1852 he carried on a shop as builder and contractor. In 1852 he built a furniture manufactory, the second built in the State. He operated this for twenty-eight years, shipping furniture all over the country. In 1877 he bought a farm in Monroe township and set-

tled down on it. There are 133 acres of it. His wife died here.

Mr. Robbins has been an Odd Fellow and is a member of the Christian Church.

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EDWARD ROBERTS, merchant, Bryantsburgh, was born in Switzerland county, Ind., in 1839. His father, John S. Roberts, was an early settler of that county, and was a farmer. His mother was Jane Salyers, daughter of John B. Salyers, and granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier. The family were from Virginia. Nathan Roberts, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, a native of Maryland, settled at a point opposite to the present city of Cincinnati before there was any town there. He entered a tract of land, but afterward lost it because of leaving it.

Mr. Edward Roberts was raised upon a farm; at the age of twenty-two he enlisted in the 76th Reg. Ind. Vols., Co. D, and served three months. He enlisted a second time in Co. D, 137th Ind. Vols., in which he remained till the end of the war. He was in all of the battles of his regiments, and was a good soldier. He saw service at Atlanta and other points of the same campaign.

After the war he came home and worked at house-carpentering for some twenty years. He is now engaged in a general merchandise business at Bryantsburgh, Jefferson county. He also has the postoffice

at that place. He was trustee of Shelly township for one term. In 1873 he was married to Miss Mary J. Mitchell, of Jefferson county; no issue. Mr. Roberts is an energetic, honest business man, and a good citizen.

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DAN. A. ROBERTS, farmer, Smyrna township, was the son of Dan. and Ann (Walker) Roberts, both of whom were born and raised in Lancastershire, England. They came to the United States about 1844, and located in Jefferson county, Ind.

His father taught school in this county, and bought a farm, and remained here for about two years, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio; remained there until 1848, when he went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he died of cholera in 1849. His mother is still living on her farm in this county, aged 67 years.

Dan. A. Roberts was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, January 15, 1846, removed to Louisville, Ky., with his parents, in 1848, and remained there until 1858, when he removed with his mother to Jefferson county, Ind., where he has resided ever since.

He attended school in Louisville, and in Smyrna township. In 1869 he was married to Miss Perintha E. Robinson, the daughter of John Robinson, who was a native of Ohio, but came to Indiana in 1847, and located on a farm in Graham

township, where he remained until his death in 1855.

Mr. Roberts has five children, three boys and two girls: Edgar A., Claude A., Clarence J., Esma A. and Myrtle E. Mr. Roberts owns three farms, containing about 300 acres of good land, located in the western part of Smyrna township. He raises a great deal of stock.

In the spring of 1864 he enlisted in Co. E, 137th Regiment Indiana Infantry, and in the winter of 1864 enlisted in Co. H, 145th Regiment Indiana Infantry, and was mustered out at Macon, Georgia, January 21, 1866. His regiment was engaged in guard duty the most of the time.

He has been twice elected to the office of Trustee of Smyrna township. He is the only Republican ever elected to that office in Smyrna township.

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LEANDER M. ROBINSON, firm of D. C. Robinson & Co., saw-mill and lumber business. He is the son of Jesse and Lydia C. (Miles) Robinson, natives of Ohio, both living, and was born December 8, 1844, in Hamilton county, Ohio. In 1852 his parents removed to Madison, Ind., where they still live. He attended the city schools. In 1861 he engaged with Mr. P. W. Ramsey to learn the watch and silver-smith trade, and worked at this until 1865, when he quit on account of his health. The same year he took a position as book-

keeper at the ship-yard here at Madison, and remained three or four years. In 1869 he formed a partnership with D. C. Robinson, and engaged in his present business. They have been very successful and have built up a large business in this line, having a large lumber yard at the saw-mill, Front and Vernon streets, and another at the corner of Main and Vernon. They employ about fifteen men. Mr. Robinson was married in 1868 to Miss Mary F., daughter of John Crawford, deceased, of Madison, Ind. Has four children: Mary F., Leander M., Jr., Clara M. and Jessie C.

He is a member of the Christian Church; an I. O. O. F., member of the Madison Lodge, No. 72. He has been secretary of Building Association No. 8, for the last fourteen years. He was elected as member of the City Council from his ward (the 6th), first in 1880, then in 1884, and again in 1886. He is a Republican, and the ward is strongly Democratic.

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JAMES ROBINSON (deceased) was born in 1822, in Alleghany county, Pa. His father was Andrew Robinson, a native of the same State, of Irish descent. His mother's maiden name was Stilly. He was raised on a farm and had a common-school education.

In 1845 he married Miss Mary Barnum, of Jefferson county, Ind., where he resided

during the rest of his life. He died in 1858. He was a good citizen.

By this marriage there were six children, viz: John, Levi B., Elizabeth O., George L., James F. and Mary F. Of these, two live in Jefferson county and the rest in Kansas. Capt. Daniel Barnum, the father of Mrs. Robinson, was a man of considerable note. He was born in the State of New York, in 1786. He was a soldier in the War of 1812-15.

He came to Indiana in 1823 and settled in Laneaster township—now Monroe—in Jefferson county, where he lived a good, orderly citizen for many years. He came down the Ohio river on a raft of lumber, starting from the region of Olean, N. Y., on the Alleghany river. With this lumber he erected the house and barn on his farm. In 1837 he removed to Missouri and remained some years, returning again to Indiana; later he went to Oregon, and after some ten years returned again to Jefferson county, Ind., where he died.

He was twice married, and raised eight children: Samuel, Elizabeth, Eli, Sylvina, Thomas, Noah, Mary and Emmeline, all of whom are still living but Thomas, Noah and Samuel. He was one of the early Democratic Abolitionists of early times in this county, and was a worker on the Underground Railroad, between slavery on the south and Canada on the north; the trains ran principally in the night time and on foot.

JOHN T. ROYCE (deceased). Mr. Royce was born near Rochester, N. Y., in the year 1817. His father, Sardius Royce, and two brothers came from Pittsburgh, with their families, on a raft. Sardius and family stopped at Madison; the other brothers continued their journey, one of them stopping at or near New Albany, the other one went farther down the river. Madison was at this time almost an unbroken forest. There was scarcely any work to be had, so the subject of our sketch left his father's settlement—near the site of the old chain mill at Clifty Hollow—and went some twelve miles, near the present village of Brooksburch, to work at chopping cordwood for Mr. Noah Brooks. He was married in 1837 to Jennette Brooks, daughter and eldest child of Noah Brooks. He has lived in Jefferson county pretty nearly all his life. For four or five years he lived in Ripley and Decatur counties. In Ripley he built a saw-mill (about the first in the county), and sawed the plank to make the plank road from Madison to Greensburg. Along this plank road was the first telegraph line that was put up in the State, and he put up the poles along the route. Some time after this he bought a farm in Madison township, Jefferson county, where he lived to raise most of his family, which consisted of eleven sons and two daughters.

Three of his sons died when young; the others lived to maturity. From him the

Royce family of Jefferson and Scott counties was descended. One of the daughters lives in Louisville; two of the sons in Minnesota, one in Washington Territory. In about 1881, he removed to Minnesota, where he died September 9, 1883. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and had been from boyhood.

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JARED D. RYKER, a representative of one of the earliest and first families of Jefferson county, and also one of the most prominent and successful farmers of the county, was born January 8, 1821, at the old Ryker homestead, Jefferson county, Ind. His parents were John G. and Sarah Ryker (*nee* Jones), who were respectively born in Shelby and Boone counties, Ky. John G. Ryker was born August 9, 1793, and removed with his father, before he became of age, to Jefferson county. His father was Gerardus Ryker, a native of the State of New Jersey, born in 1769, who emigrated in the latter part of the last century to Shelby county, Ky., and subsequently to Jefferson county, Ind., in about 1811.

He brought with him, to Indiana, six sons and three daughters: His eldest son, Samuel, born in Shelby county, 1799; John G., Jacob S., Jared, Abram and William C., born respectively 1793, 1796, 1799, 1804, 1807; Polly S., 1809; Peter V., 1816; Leah, 1818.

John G. Ryker was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was known as one of the "Rangers," and for his meritorious services drew a pension from the Government until the day of his death, in 1875. Jared D.'s maternal grandfather, David Jones, a Revolutionary soldier, emigrated from Kentucky and settled in an early day within two miles of what is now the village of Canaan.

His mother, Sarah Jones Ryker, was born in Kentucky, in 1798.

He has three times been married; first in 1841, to Miss Eliza, granddaughter of Col. John Ryker, and of this union three children survive—Sarah, Jane and Mary Ann. His second wife was Miss Mary Howard, a native of Jefferson county, and two children of this union are also living—John and Pernelius. His present wife, a very estimable and clever lady, was Miss Anna Harris, who is still living, and a native of England; this marriage occurred in 1857. The children by this marriage are Benjamin H., Walter H., Thaddeus H., Herbert H., Jared H. and Edgar H.

Mr. Ryker has a farm of 361 acres of well-improved land, and is nearly the sole owner of the Madison, Ryker's Ridge and Wolf Run Turnpike. He has long been one of the leading members of the Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church, and is one of its deacons. While Mr. Ryker did not receive any of the advantages of a collegiate education, he is nevertheless a man of fine sense, liberal in his views as to both politics and religion, and affable and courteous in his dealings with his fellow-men.



*Jared S. Pyker*





JOHN G. SALISBURY, farmer, Monroe township. His grandfather, James Salisbury, was a native of Vermont, of English descent. John C. Salisbury, son of James, was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, in the year 1805. He emigrated in early times to Kentucky, and came to Madison, Ind., in 1832. In 1836 he came to Monroe township, where he permanently settled down and lived the balance of his life. He was a pioneer school-teacher, and taught school in Kentucky, Madison, and here, afterward, became a farmer. He was one of the old free-soilers, and a great advocate of free speech. He married in Jefferson county, Ind., Miss Leah Ryker, daughter of John Ryker, one of the earliest settlers of this county. They had nine children. The eldest son, James T., was a member of Co. H, Tenth Indiana Cavalry, and died in Black Swamp, near Vicksburg.

John G. Salisbury, who furnishes this sketch, was born December 4, 1842, in Monroe township; was reared on a farm, educated in the common schools, and now lives upon—and owns—the farm upon which he was born. June 9, 1869, he was married to Miss Laretta Elliott, daughter of Robt. Elliott, of the same township. Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury have two children: Sadie M. and Robert E. Mr. Salisbury and wife are both members of the Monroe Presbyterian Church. He is the superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Mr. Salisbury owns 205 acres of good, well-improved land.

His father, John C. Salisbury died in 1870, January 14. His mother is still

living and resides with him, and retains her faculties of mind to a remarkable degree, being 74 years old. Mr. Salisbury is a good citizen.

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OTIS BARTOLL SAPPINGTON (deceased) was born in Baltimore, Md., January 1, 1832, and was reared in that city until he was sixteen years old. He attended the city schools until 11 years of age. At that time he commenced the business of life for himself.

His mother died when he was only five and one-half years old. His father, who had been a large hat manufacturer, and was broken up by endorsing, died shortly after the death of his mother, leaving Otis an orphan without patrimony.

At the age of sixteen he came to Indiana and stopped at Madison, where he was employed as clerk in the grocery and commission house of Weyer & McKee. He remained with this firm for many years.

In 1863 he became a partner of Mr. Hargan in a wholesale grocery business, under the firm name of Hargan & Sappington, and was still in that firm at the time of his death in 1868.

He was lost in the disaster to the steamboat "United States of America."

Mr. Sappington was married, in 1856, to Miss Sarah M. Crane, daughter of Rev. Simon H. Crane, a Presbyterian minister, and a native of Newark, N. J.

To them were born three children: Charles C., Mary M. and Otis B., all of whom are living.

Charles C., the eldest, was born December 22, 1860, in Madison, Ind., where he was reared and attended the city schools. In 1878 he took a position as check clerk in the J., M. & I. R. R. depot at Madison, and has been connected with this depot ever since, excepting from May 1 to September 1, 1883, when he was teller in the First National Bank of Madison.

On leaving the bank he was made freight and ticket agent for the J., M. & I. R. R. in his native town, and still holds the place.

He is a member of the Masons and K. of P. order.

He was elected as member of the City Council, from the fifth ward, on the Republican ticket, in the spring of 1888, and is at present a member of that body.

Mr. Sappington, while he is quite a young man, is making a remarkable record in pushing and placing himself among the successful and enterprising business men of Madison.

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JOHN W. SCOTT, native of Jefferson county, Ind., was born June 3, 1834; was reared in the county until his seventeenth year, when he emigrated to the town of Moorfield, Switzerland county, Indiana. At Moorfield he learned the blacksmith trade, and worked at it there until 1862.

Then he purchased a farm on Pleasant Ridge, in Jefferson county, and removed to it, where he remained three years; when he sold out and purchased a farm of 105 acres of land on Ryker's Ridge, in Jefferson county, which he still owns, and where he resides during the summer.

Mr. Scott was educated in the common schools of the county, which, by the way, are the best class, and will give to a boy or girl the best practical education in the world.

Mr. Scott is engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, Madison, and resides in the city during the winter and spring months, in his city residence, No. 601 N. Mulberry street.

In 1865 he bought the farm mentioned, which is one of the finest in the county, and, removing to it, engaged in agricultural business in Madison, in which he continued until 1876, when he sold out the business, and that fall was elected treasurer of the county on the Democratic ticket, overcoming a Republican majority of over 600.

During the two years of service in the treasurer's office, he made the largest collection of taxes ever made in the county. In the fall of 1878 he was defeated by a small majority for the same office. During the fall he engaged in the grocery business, which business he has been engaged in ever since. His place was known as the "Temple" grocery, as he occupied the salesroom in the lower part of the Masonic Temple. He remained in the "Temple" until about one month ago, when he removed to his

present stand, corner of Main and Jefferson. He has built up a large trade, and has one of the best groceries in the city.

In 1887 Mr. Scott took his two sons, William A. and Elmer E., into partnership with him in the grocery business; the firm name is J. W. Scott & Sons. Mr. Scott is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the M. E. Church. He has belonged to the church for twenty-five years, and is now a trustee and steward of his church.

He has been a member of the Democratic Central Committee ever since 1878, and is a stockholder in Madison Herald Newspaper Company.

Mr. Scott was married in 1851, to Miss Sarah Protzman, of Switzerland county, daughter of John Protzman, who was also one of the largest farmers of that county. He has seven children living, three boys and four girls: Elias J., William A., Elmer E., Mary Ida, Annie, Nora M. and Bertha E. He is the son of John and Rebecca (Welch) Scott. John, his father, was born in Jettburg, Scotland, and came to this country in 1818. He was a prominent farmer of this county, and died in 1878, at the age of 90 years. The mother was a native of Lexington, Ky.; she died in 1868, at the age of 68 years.

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FRANCIS M. SCHOOLCRAFT, farmer, Monroe township, was born in Lee county, Virginia, January 28, 1843. His father, Michael Schoolcraft, was a native of Penn-

sylvania, of German descent. He removed to Virginia after the War of 1812, in which he was a soldier; there his son Abraham was born.

Abraham married in Virginia, and lived in Lee county, where his sixteen children were borne by three wives. He then removed to Ouseley county, Ky., in 1856, and from there he came to Madison, Ind., in 1863, where he died, at the age of 47.

He was a strictly loyal man to his country, and had to leave Kentucky on account of his loyalty to the Union.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest child, and at the death of his father, took charge of the young family of six who were left, and cared for them and found homes for them all. Mr. F. M. Schoolcraft was born and raised on a farm.

In 1861, October 26, he enlisted in Co. G, Eighth Reg. Ky. Infantry, and served until January 6, 1863, when he was discharged for disability. He entered the United States Navy August 31, 1864, and served until discharged in June, 1865, at the close of the war.

He came home and settled down to the quiet life of a farmer, taking to himself Mary Commisky as his wife, December 30, 1874. She was the daughter of Joe Commisky and Rebecca (Baxter) Commisky.

The family of these two are five children, viz: Daniel B., Mary L., Cyrus E., Benjamin G. and Anna R.

Mr. Schoolcraft owns a farm of 114 acres of good land, with a new house and good barn, and lives comfortably and happy with his family.

GEORGE SCHWARTZ (deceased), the subject of this sketch, was born near Wildach, Bavaria, Germany, March 23, 1823. He was raised in a butcher's shop, and learned the milling business. In 1849 he came to America, and located for a short time in Ohio, where he was married to Anna M. Dosler, the daughter of Jacob Dosler, who was also a native of Bavaria. In the same year he removed to Jefferson county, Ind., and settled in Monroe township, upon a farm, where he lived until August 2, 1887, where he died after a long illness. He was educated in Germany, his parents intending him for a Lutheran preacher. He was a man of mind and thought beyond the common run, and was always looked up to by the German population of Monroe township as a leader and adviser. He was noted for his mild, equitable temper and pleasant manners. He was just, and always considerate of the rights of others. In connection with his farm, he carried on a mill. Some years before his death he had turned that business over to his son, who built a mill on the Michigan road, three miles from the old one on Big creek.

Mr. Schwartz was a prominent Mason, and for many years was a leader in the Grange movement in his county. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He owned 108 acres of land, which he farmed in a thorough manner. His family consisted of himself and wife and eight children, viz: Margaret, who is married to Enos Baglan, lives in Madison; Mary, married to Henry Byer, lives at Seymour;

Eva, married to John Smith, lives at Rockford, Ind.—now a widow; George M. married Miss Lizzie Wahner, lives in Jefferson county, is a miller; John F., Anna M., Elizabeth and Michael—the last four are all single and live with Mrs. Schwartz on the homestead farm on Big creek.

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REV. JOHN B. H. SEEPE, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Madison, Ind., is a native of Hanover, Germany. He was born in 1830, and came to the United States in 1836, with his parents, who located in Cincinnati.

He remained there until 1842, and attended the parochial school of the Holy Trinity Church. He attended college at Latrobe, Pa., studied theology at Vincennes, Ind., and was ordained Priest, in 1859, at Vincennes.

He was first stationed at Richmond, Ind., from 1859 to 1868, where he built St. Andrews Church and School. Subsequently he was Rector of St. James Church in Gibson county, Ind., until 1875; afterward he was Rector of St. Gabriel's Church in Connersville, Ind., until 1881.

Father Seepe was appointed Rector of St. Mary's Church, of Madison, Ind., April 22, 1881, and arrived at Madison on May 5, 1881.

St. Mary's congregation was organized in 1850, and the church was built in 1851. The present school-building—a commodi-

ous and fine building—was built in 1876, and contains four large school-rooms on the first floor, and a large hall on the second floor. The congregation numbers 250 families; and the school is attended by about 200 children, and is under the care of three Ursuline Sisters and one male teacher.

The church was renovated in 1887 and 1888, to the amount of about \$3,500, and is now one of the finest church buildings in Indiana.

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MICHAEL SHEETS, farmer, Monroe township. The subject of this sketch was born in Prussia, September 12, 1827. He is the son of John Sheets, a native of that country. Michael emigrated to this country in 1841, and settled with the family of his father in Pittsburgh, Pa.

His father removed to Ripley county, Ind., and there bought 240 acres of land. He was the donor of land and money for the founding of the St. Magdelen Church and School in that county. He died in 1875. He was a farmer.

His mother was Elizabeth Lisman, who was the daughter of a teacher in Prussia. Her only brother was forced into the army of Napoleon Bonaparte, and served under him; while returning home he was starved to death—some of his comrades lived to return home and tell the sad story.

The father of the subject of this sketch

raised a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. Michael was the youngest of the family, was raised on a farm and educated in the county schools of his time.

In 1840 he enlisted in the war with Mexico, in Capt. Sullivan's company, in the Third Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. Was in all the battles of his regiment, along the Valley of the Rio Grande. At the close of the war he crossed the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans, where his regiment was disbanded.

In August, 1849, he was married to Miss Mary Ann Miles, of this county. The result of this union was six sons and four daughters: Enos J., Evan, Marion, John A., Chas. F., Michael J., Mary F., Nettie, Anna and Ida.

The subject of this sketch was also in the late war for ten months and fifteen days, in the Twenty-second Regiment Indiana Volunteers. Entered September 22, 1864, served to the end of the war; was with Gen. Thomas at Nashville, Tenn. After the close of the war he returned home and engaged in farming, especially fruit culture.

For twenty years past he has been quite successful in this line, and has now a very nice nursery. He also engaged in the fish culture a few years since, and now has a pool of fine carps on his farm.

He has raised and educated his large family, giving to them all of the benefits of schools and teaching which the country afforded. He is a good farmer and citizen.

JAMES H. SMITH, county surveyor, Shelby township, Jefferson county, Ind. Mr. Smith's parents were Wm. Smith and Anna M. (Tull) Smith. His father was a native of Maryland, and came to Kentucky in 1806 and was one of the pioneers of that State. He removed to Indiana and settled in Jefferson county in 1823, on a farm in Shelby township, owned at present by the subject of this sketch. He served as a county commissioner of Jefferson county for a number of years. He died August 4, 1843. The mother of James H. Smith was the daughter of Handy and Eleanor Tull; her father was a Revolutionary soldier. Mr. James Smith was of Scotch-Irish descent.

Mr. Smith, the subject of this sketch, was born in Woodford county, Ky., January 27, 1821, and was raised on a farm in this county. He was educated in a log school-house, having none of the modern apparatus used in education nowadays. At the age of 18 he began teaching school, and continued at that for ten years. All of this time was spent in his own county.

He was married at the age of 23 to Catherine Overturf, who was of German descent; her parents came from Kentucky. They are the parents of six children: Elizabeth A., Wm. W., Sylvanus G., Mary E., John S. and James H. All of his sons are married but one. John S. is a physician practicing in Cass county, Ind., and was a graduate of the class of '82 in the Ohio Medical College.

Mr. Smith was elected justice of the peace in 1852, and served eight years.

After that, was county school examiner for four years. Then was captain of Home Guards during the war. During the war he was elected county surveyor and has served as such ever since, except for four years, and was re-elected in the fall of 1888 for two years more.

Capt. Smith is a Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge. He is a Republican, and has been prominent in that party in this county ever since the party was organized. His father was a Whig, and was an admirer and earnest supporter of Henry Clay. Capt. Smith's first vote was cast for Henry Clay.

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GRANVILLE T. SMITHA, farmer, Monroe township, was born September 1, 1814, in Woodford county, Ky. He is the son of John Smitha, who was born in Penn county, Va., and removed to Kentucky in the beginning of this century; and came from there to Indiana in 1819; settled in Jefferson county, at the head of Crooked creek, lived here some two years, then removed into the Woodfill neighborhood, and then moved to Ripley county; after remaining there some time came back to Jefferson county, near Bryantsburgh, where he bought land near the Robbins' farm, in Shelby township. The boyhood of the subject of this sketch was passed principally on this farm. In 1832, October 18, Granville T. Smitha was married to Eliza E. Robbins, daughter of Wm. Robbins (whose

sketch appears in this book). They had fourteen children as the result of their marriage: Wm. R., John, Willis H., Elizabeth R., Granville T., Mary A. R., Eliza Jane, Susan A., Melissa J., James B., Jephtha, Jerusia, Albert, and an infant.

Mr. Smitha was born on a farm, and raised a farmer's boy and man, and is now an old farmer. He was educated in the schools of his youth (very different from those of this day). He is an earnest supporter and a prominent member of the Baptist Church. He saw Indians here, and tasted of all of the hardships of a pioneer life, and is now in declining health and years, enjoying the products of his labors, both physically and socially, of early life. He owns 106 acres of land, and lives comfortably upon it. His oldest son, Wm. R., was raised on the farm, and at the second call for volunteers enlisted in Co. C, Eighty-second Regiment Indiana Infantry Volunteers, August 13, 1862, and was with Sherman on his "March to the Sea," and in all of the engagements of his regiment. He was wounded twice. He lives at Edinburgh.

Albert A., the youngest son of Granville T., was born December 13, 1857; was educated in the schools of his township, and married March 14, 1878, to Mollie Anderson. They have four children: Charles, William, John and Florence. He is a young and energetic farmer and a good citizen.

CHRISTOPHER SMART, farmer, Monroe township, was born in Otsego county, New York, February 18, 1824. His parents were Abraham and Elizabeth (Abby) Smart, who were natives of England.

His father was a farmer and emigrated to America in June, 1819. He remained in New York State until 1834, when he came to Indiana, and settled in Lancaster township, Jefferson county, now Monroe township, where he and his wife both died (see sketch of Mrs. Matilda Willoughby).

Christopher Smart came to Jefferson county three years later, and is still living on the old homestead. He was educated in the schools of his day; his principal instructors were a Welshman, by the name of David Jones, and an Irishman by the name of Craig (see his sketch).

In 1850, on the 6th day of October, he was married to Miss Maria L. McGee, daughter of William and Margaret A. (Large) McGee. Her father came to Madison from Ohio in 1823, formerly from Virginia, and was of Irish descent.

The children of their marriage are: Pirene, married to G. A. Valilie, living in Carroll county, Ky.; William A., died aged 17 years and 6 months; Arabella, at home; Christopher W., killed by the fall of a tree in Obion county, Tenn.; Thomas I., at home; Georgiana, a teacher of Jefferson county; James M., teacher of Jefferson county; and Riley L.

Mr. Christopher Smart taught school four terms, the first three in a log school-house with split logs for seats, and one term in a stone school-house; his salary was 75 cents and \$1.00 per day. His own school-day advantages were meager.

During the dark days of the late civil war he was township trustee for two years, and has held the postoffice at Big Creek ever since it has been established.

**LEONARD D. SPANN.** The Spann family was of English ancestry. A short time before the Revolutionary war, the head of the American branch migrated to America and settled in the Colony of South Carolina. There were four of the sons and brothers of this family engaged as soldiers in that war, on the side of the Colonies. Three of them were soldiers in the ranks, and Jesse, the youngest, born in 1756, being too young for regular enlistment, acted as a scout or helper in the service. He saw and conversed with General Washington.

After the war he married, and lived, until 1801, in Sumter District, South Carolina; then moved to Garrard county, Kentucky, and in 1816 he came to Indiana, and settled in Laneaster township, Jefferson county, Indiana.

Moses Spann, the son of Jesse, was born June 3, 1799, in Sumter District, South Carolina, and came with his father to Ken-

tucky and Indiana. He was a carpenter by trade, and assisted in the log rollings of the early settlement of this county, one spring being present at thirty-three of these interesting gatherings. In those days the whole county voted at the county-seat, Madison. About forty started from Laneaster to go to town to vote; a foot race to Madison was proposed, distance nine miles. Only four of the entire number made the race; they were Moses Spann, Solomon Spann, Miller Hall and Lacy Reynolds. Moses Spann died in 1886.

Leonard D. Spann, who furnishes this sketch, was the son of Moses, and was born May 26, 1841, in Jefferson county, Ind. His mother's name was Nahala Smith, and she was the daughter of Asa Smith, who settled at an early date on the land where Dupont now stands.

Mr. Leonard D. Spann was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools, and took a course of study at the High School at Dupont. Taught school for three years. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in the State service, and served there two years and six months, being in the United States service some sixty-five days.

He was married in 1865, to Miss Laura Driggs, daughter of Lloyd Driggs, a native of Baltimore, Md., and a resident of Madison, Ind., since 1820. Mr. and Mrs. Spann have eight children: Minnie L. is married to Mr. E. Bennett, and lives in New Albany, Ind; John E. married Miss Alice Cary Patton, and lives in New Albany; Clara died when sixteen years of age; the



younger children, Frank D., Harley, Lloyd, Ethel E. and Bessie L. are all at home.

Mr. Spann was for some years representing the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Madison, Ind., and is now one of the directors. He is also a director of the Jefferson County Fair.

He is a member of John A. Hendricks Post, No. 107, G. A. R. He owns eighty acres of well-improved land.

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Elder ROBERT STEVENSON, preacher and farmer, Shelby township, Jefferson county, Ind., was born February 5, 1815, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and came to the United States in 1828. He is the son of Robert Stevenson, who was also born in Scotland in 1787, and was a large woolen manufacturer in that country, at Kilmanark; came to Indiana and bought a farm in Shelby township, Jefferson county, which is still owned by the Stevenson family, and spent his remaining life there. The ancestors of this family were of the town of Kickerton. The mother of Robert, the subject of this sketch, was Jennet Wallace, of the family of Sir Wm. Wallace, and her people were of the same county, at Manchlien, on the farm Bergour. In Scotland the women retain their maiden names after marriage. She died in 1883, at the age of 88 years and 6 months.

Mr. Robert Stevenson, the subject of this sketch, was raised on the farm and

educated in Scotland, not having any advantages of schooling after he came to this country. They had only boards for slates and firecoals for pencils. In this way he became able to enter the ministry. He has been an active working man all his life; has worked at carpentering, built his own house and made his own furniture, some of which is still in his possession. He is a minister of the Baptist Church, and has preached in many counties in this State, and has also preached in other States. He began his work in the ministry in 1843, and may be called one of the pioneer preachers of this State. He was engaged in a State work for one year.

He was married in 1837 to Miss Barbara Sterrett, who was born in Scotland, but came, when quite young, with her parents, to Jefferson county. Their children were James, Robert, William and Mary. His wife died April 17, 1846, and he was re-married May 4, 1847, to Sarah Rutledge, a native of Kentucky; her parents were of Virginia. The result of this marriage was five children: John, George, David, Sarah and Charles. Three of his sons were in the army: James and Robert in the Sixth Indiana Infantry, and William in the Tenth Indiana Cavalry. His sons are all of them farmers, three of them live in Jefferson county, one in the Far West and one in Shelby county. Both of his daughters are married. Mary lives in Ripley county and Sarah in Galveston, Ind.

Mr. Stevenson once labored in the Long Run Mission for three years, and preached 342 days in one year.

James was wounded at Stone River, and died from the effects of the wound; his body was brought home for interment.

ROBERT STEVENSON, JR., farmer, Shelby township, Jefferson county, Ind. He is the second son of Robert Stevenson, Sr., of same township and county. He was born May 28, 1844, and was raised on a farm, and educated in the common schools. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Co. A, Sixth Regiment Indiana Vols., and served two years and six months, when he was discharged for disability received at Chattanooga, Jan. 6, 1864. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Chickamauga and others. He was taken prisoner at Lawrenceburg, Ky. Upon returning home, as soon as he had sufficiently recovered from his disability, he resumed the life of a farmer, and has followed it ever since. In 1865 he was married to Mary E. Barber, who had formerly been married to John W. Hicks (a soldier), who was the daughter of James Barber. The result of this union was four children: James W., Lucius L., Minnie E. (who died at twenty-three months of age) and Robert F. Mr. Stevenson is a prominent member of the Baptist Church.

He has never sought an office of any kind. Having felt the great need of a good education, he is endeavoring to give his

children better school advantages than he had himself. Owing to the hardships of his life in the army he is physically a wreck.

MARCUS B. SULZER, a promising young lawyer of Jefferson county, is a native of Madison, Ind. He was born April 19, 1860, and is a son of Raphael R. and Rachel (Heimidingor) Sulzer, who were natives of Alsace, France.

His father came to Madison in 1854, and engaged in the merchandise business, and retired from business about six years ago.

Mr. Sulzer was raised in Madison, and was educated in the common schools, having no money to attend the higher schools. Began to read law in 1879 with Linck & Bellamy, and was admitted to practice in 1881. He conducted many important trials before he was admitted to the bar. He made a good argument in the cases of the State vs. Cooper, and other murder cases; since coped with Jason Brown and others.

In the case of Peter Cooper for murder, he made the closing speech, and sent him up for life; Brown making the closing speech for the defense. When only 19 years of age he wrote articles pertaining to river and marine matters, which were extensively copied by leading papers of the country, which attracted the attention of Governor Williams, who appointed him, at

19, delegate to the River Convention at Quincy, Ill., and while there he responded at a banquet for Indiana. In 1880 Governor Gray removed him for being a Republican, and Governor Porter re-appointed him in 1884, and he holds that position now.

In 1882 he was elected as city attorney, which place he held for two terms. Whilst in that office he revised the city ordinances and made a book of them, which is received as the standard of the laws of the city. When his term expired the Democratic Council of the city gave him a unanimous vote of thanks for the manner in which he had performed his duties.

In 1884 he was elected as prosecutor of the Fifth Circuit; re-elected in 1886 by a majority of 769. His majority, the first time (in 1884) was 256, and is the only official who ever carried both counties in this circuit.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F., has been president of local Lodge and member of Grand Lodge, being the youngest member; he has been district judge of Grand Lodge Bnai Brith. He is one of the members of the Republican State Central Committee, representing the Fourth Congressional District, and in 1889 was elected by the Annual Convention of Indiana Republican Clubs to represent Indiana at the National Convention of Republican Clubs, which convened at Baltimore, Md., February 28 and March 1.

ROBERT H. SWAN, farmer, Hanover township, is a son of John and Mary R. (Thorn) Swan. His father was a native of Scotland, and came to the United States when a young man, and entered a farm in this county when James Mouroe was President.

He died in 1860, at the age of 66 years, leaving a widow and eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the youngest. His mother was a native of Kentucky and died in 1868, at the age of 60 years.

Robert H. Swan was born June 15, 1849, upon the farm on which he now resides, in Hanover township, Jefferson county, Ind., and was reared there. He attended the common schools and the College at Hanover, and the Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio.

He took charge of the farm when only 17 years of age, and though almost without stock or farming tools, and with an invalid mother and two sisters to support, by perseverance and energy, he succeeded in making a living and stocked his farm well and put it in a good state of cultivation. His farm contains 160 acres of land well improved, and is situated four miles southwest of Hanover.

In 1875 he was married to Miss Mattie L. Arnott, daughter of Rev. Moses Arnott, who was pastor of Carmel U. P. Church for twenty-eight years. She died in 1884, leaving three children, two of whom are

now living, one boy and one girl—Mary Prudence and Robert Arnott. In 1885 Mr. Swan married again to Miss Emma O., daughter of Wm. McDonald, a farmer of this county. There are no children by this marriage. Mr. Swan is a member of the Carmel Church, and acted as one of the trustees of that church for six years.

In 1881 he engaged in mercantile business in Hanover, where he remained in business for two and one-half years, when he sold out and went to Kansas.

He engaged in the confectionery business in Clay Centre, the county-seat of Clay county, Kan., and continued in business there for eight months, when he came back to his farm in this county, and has been there ever since.

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JESSE B. THOMAS is the son of Elias Thomas, who was born in Virginia, and removed to Kentucky, and from there to Indiana, before the subject of our sketch was born, and was one of the pioneer settlers of the State.

Mr. Jesse B. Thomas was born in 1807 near Madison. At that time the site of Madison was almost an unbroken forest; there was only one buckeye cabin there, built by James Hall.

Mr. Thomas was raised during the trying times of the early settlers. The Indians were so troublesome at times that the set-

tlers were compelled to fly to the block-house for safety.

The subject of this sketch was married, at the age of 21, to Jane Miller, a daughter of Robert Miller, who was also a pioneer.

Mr. Thomas and wife raised a family of six children: William H., Sarah E., James M., Daniel F., Henry C. and Robert P. Mrs. Thomas died in 1852. Some ten years later he married Anna Staten, who was born in Kentucky; they had no children. James and Henry C., sons of Mr. Thomas, served through the war of the Rebellion, and were at the surrender of Richmond.

The father of Mr. Thomas was a noted hunter; he killed bear, deer and turkeys enough to keep the family in meat. He was one of the Rangers in Indian times.

Daniel F. Thomas, fourth son of the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm; was born in 1840, and educated in the common schools; owns 80 acres of land, and is taking care of his father in his old age and an orphan daughter of his brother Robert. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and still votes the Republican ticket.

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MARK TILTON was born in Wilmington, Delaware, August 22, 1822. His father was Dr. James Tilton, a native of the State of Delaware, and his mother was a Miss Fanny Gibson, a native of the eastern shore of Maryland.

His grand-uncle, Dr. James Tilton, after whom his father was named, was the first surgeon-general appointed in the United States army, and was the first member of Congress sent from the State of Delaware. He was also a member of the Order of Cincinnati, the badge of which order was presented to him by the Marquis De La Lafayette. This badge is still retained in the family and is handed down regularly to the eldest living male member of the family. It had been in the possession of Mark Tilton for many years and up to the time of his death.

In 1827 Mark Tilton's father left Delaware with his family, and settled in Madison, Jefferson county, Indiana, where he remained many years practicing his profession, and about three years before his death, which occurred in 1841, he removed to a farm in the northern portion of the county, upon a portion of which land he located the site of the present thriving village of Dupont.

Mark Tilton, when about seventeen years of age, obtained a situation in the Branch Bank, at Madison, of the State Bank of Indiana, where he remained twenty-one years, occupying most of the time the position of teller. He was married to Miss Amanda Dunn, a daughter of Judge Dunn, of Hanover, Indiana, January 4, 1848, and has but one child living, Elizabeth R. Tilton. While in the bank he was appointed by President Lincoln, United States Pension Agent for the district in which he lived. It was not long after he was appointed that the business of the agency so

increased that he was obliged to resign his position in the Bank and devote his whole attention to the duties of his office. He retained the Pension Agency seventeen years and until, during the administration of President Hayes, the agency was removed to Indianapolis.

Mr. Tilton had the reputation of being one of the most faithful and efficient officers in the pension service. His systematic habits and thorough acquaintance with the details of the office, the neatness and correctness of his accounts with the Government, and his untiring pains to accommodate and protect the pensioned soldier and the soldier's widow from the extortion of unworthy claim against agents, made him a valuable officer to the Government and very popular with the soldier element of his district.

In 1877 he was appointed to a clerkship in the pension office in Washington, and moved his family to that city. He had not served long in the office before he was promoted to the position of assistant chief in one of the divisions in the Pension Bureau, and retained the position up to the time of his death, which occurred March 10, 1887.

Mark Tilton was a Knight Templar of the Masonic Order and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a good citizen, a kind husband, and an indulgent father, a faithful and warm-hearted friend; he had a heart that always responded to the wants of the needy and afflicted. His success in life was achieved by his following strictly the old adage,

that "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." There are few men that have gone through life with a cleaner record than Mark Tilton.

REV. JAMES W. TURNER, A. M., Pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Madison, Indiana, was born August 11, 1857, in Dearborn county, Ind., and brought up in Southern Indiana. His father, being a Methodist preacher, moved around a great deal. His father, Isaac Turner, and his mother, Alice Kenyon, were natives of England, and were married there and came to the United States in 1854, and located in Southern Indiana. His father was one of the pioneer preachers of Southern Indiana, and is still in the ministry, in active work; he is now located at Paris, Jennings county, Ind. Mr. James W. Turner was educated in the common schools of the county, and finished his education at Moore's Hill College, spending five years at that institution, and receiving the degree of A. M. in 1876. Two years before this time, he had preached his first sermon, at Delaware, Ripley county, Ind. In 1878 he began regular work as a preacher in the Southeastern Indiana Conference of the M. E. Church, and has been engaged in that service ever since. At present he is Pastor of Trinity Church, Madison, in his second year. It is the finest church edi-

fice in the city and has a membership of 630.

He was married, July 29, 1880, to Miss Lizzie Woodfill, daughter of William S. Woodfill, of Greensburg, Indiana, of one of the oldest families of Decatur county. They have four living children: Rollin A., Sarah A., William W. and Wesley J.

Rev. Mr. Turner is a member the Freemasons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Order of the Golden Cross. He has delivered lectures on all of these orders in the principal cities of Southern Indiana. Mr. Turner's library is one of the finest in the State, containing the best encyclopedias, choicest works on theology and history, the leading books of science and fiction, and apparently all books that would pertain to the library of a student; thus having the tools at his hand to fit him thoroughly for his work.

PATRICK WADE, dealer in grain, 251 and 253 W. Main street, Madison, Indiana, was born March 6, 1842, in Ireland. When only eight years old he came to the United States with his mother, his father having come over to America less than two years before this time, and located in Madison, Ind.

His parents were natives of Ireland, and were named Martin and Ann Wade. His

father is still living. His mother died September 19, 1872.

Mr. Wade was educated in the Catholic and public schools of Madison. After leaving school he went to work for his father. In 1864 he secured a position with F. Prenatt & Co., wholesale dealers in groceries and liquors; he remained with them as clerk about three years, and in 1867 went to Louisville, Kentucky, and secured a position there as stock keeper in a wholesale grocery kept by McKee, Cunningham & Co., remaining two years with them. Then he came back to Madison, Ind., and took a position with Jas. Hargan & Co. as a clerk in their wholesale grocery and liquor house, remaining with them over thirteen years.

In March, 1882, he succeeded his father in the feed and grain business, which business he is still in. He also handles seeds in large quantities. And with his business experience, and by giving it his undivided attention, he has built up the largest trade in this line in the city.

Mr. Wade has been a very successful business man; commencing with a small capital, he now owns two storehouses and one of the finest residences in the city.

He is a member of the Catholic Church and of the order of the Catholic Knights of America.

He was married in 1864 to Miss Celia Langan, of Madison, and has six living children, four girls and two boys: Mary, Ella, Maggie, Annie, Martin and John.

Mr. Wade is a Democrat; he has never held any office, although he has been im-

portuned to run for office at different times, but always refused because of his business needing his attention.

Mr. Wade is a man of best character for attention to business, and in all points a good citizen.

Patrick Wade, Martin Wade's father, was born October 2, 1818, in the County Galway, Parish of Kilkerrin, Ireland. He came to the United States March 7, 1849, and located in Madison, and was engaged in driving a dray for Mr. Martin Mullen, in which employment he remained nine months. He then went to work for Mr. Dawson Blackmore, who was engaged in the commission and pork-packing business. He continued with him between six and seven years.

In the latter part of 1856 he was engaged as wharf master at the depot wharf, where he remained for two years.

In October, 1858, he opened the feed and grain house now carried on by his son Patrick. He continued in this business until 1881, when he was succeeded by his son. Mr. Wade commenced business with a capital of only \$1,000; now he owns three large store buildings on Main street, two of them occupied by his son Patrick and the other by himself. He has been very successful in business, having made his start in life by hard work, principally by hauling merchandise for some of the largest business houses in the city.

He is a member of the Catholic Church, and was married by the Rev. Patrick Henry, a Catholic priest, to Miss Ann Burns, on the 31st day of January, 1841. They had

two children—John and Patrick. John was born June 29, 1844, and is now in business in Memphis, Tenn.

His parents were James and Ellinor (McLoughlin) Wade. His father was born in 1788, and died in 1858. His mother died about 1866.

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WILLIAM WALCH, of the Madison Machine Company, was born February 4, 1845, in Cincinnati, Ohio; was the son of William and Anastia (Cavanaugh) Walch, who were both natives of Ireland, and came to this country in 1843. His father was a cooper by trade, and died in Memphis, Tenn., where he was at work, at the age of 33 years. His mother died in 1868, at the age of 48 years, at her home in Madison, Ind. Mr. Walch came to Madison, Ind., with his parents, when only six months old. He attended the Catholic schools of this city, and when only 14 years old commenced to learn his trade, that of a machinist, at the old Neal foundry of this city, where he continued for three years. At the breaking out of the war this foundry closed down. In 1862 Mr. Walch worked as journeyman in the Indiana foundry of this city, where he remained about fourteen months, when he took a position with Cobb, Stribling & Co., foundry men, also of Madison, and worked for them as journeyman for four years, when he was made foreman,

and continued as foreman for them for four years more. In 1872, Mr. Walch formed a partnership with John McKenna and Julius Halfenberger, and bought the Indiana foundry, firm name being McKenna, Walch & Co. This firm continued for three years, when McKenna withdrew from the firm, and the firm name became Walch & Halfenberger. This firm continued for four years, when Mr. Halfenberger died. Mr. U. B. Stribling bought the interest of the heirs, and the firm name was changed to Stribling & Walch, and they continued for five years, when they sold out to the Madison Machine Co. (the present company), in the year 1885. Mr. Walch is now superintendent of the Madison Machine Co., and one of the principal stockholders of the concern. Mr. Walch was married in 1869 to Miss Mary Cavanaugh, of Madison, Ind., who died in 1882, at the age of 37 years, leaving three children, of whom only two are now living—Maggie and Thomas. Mr. Walch is a member of the Catholic Church and of the order of the Catholic Knights of America.

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WILLIAM WATLINGTON, farmer, Madison township, was born in New Jersey, in 1810. His father, William Watlington, was a native of Bermuda, and came to America in 1804, and settled in Philadelphia. In 1814 he came to Indiana, and



settled in Madison township, Jefferson county. He was a sailor in the United States service, and was taken by the English as an English subject, but was released by a friend swearing that he was American born. He died in 1815.

Our subject's mother was Phœbe Loper, daughter of Evan Loper, of New Jersey; she died in 1867.

William Watlington was raised on a farm, and received a common-school education.

In 1839, Nov. 26, he was married to Miss Mary Hewson, of Madison, Ind., and a daughter of Thomas and Mary Hewson. Her father was a teacher, merchant and preacher.

The result of this marriage was seven children, all of whom attained maturity: William who enlisted in the Fifty-fifth Indiana Regiment during the late war—he was afterward discharged from that regiment, and re-enlisted in Third Indiana Cavalry; Thomas H., Mary F., Emma, Charles E., Abraham L. and Elizabeth.

From 1833 to 1839, Mr. Watlington was engaged in mercantile business in Madison. At this time he settled on the farm where he now lives, it being the same 80-acre tract entered by his father.

Mr. Watlington has succeeded in raising his large family, and giving to each one a good education, and is accumulating some little of this world's goods. He lives well and comfortably. His children are now

scattered—one in Kansas, one in Illinois, and the rest in Jefferson county; two of them are married.

Mr. Watlington has been prominent as an Odd Fellow, and was the first man initiated into that Order in Madison. He has been a member of P. of H.; was also a school-teacher. He may properly be placed among the pioneers of Jefferson county.

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DILLARD C. WHITHAM, farmer, Shelby township, was born in Ripley county, in 1828. He is the son of Benjamin Whitham, and was raised a farmer. Was educated in the schools of his day.

In 1854, he was married to Elizabeth Buchanan, whose father was an early settler of this county (Jefferson). They have the following named children: Festus M., Nancy J., Adrain, Orbia and Carrie.

Mr. Whitham has 400 acres of good land in Jefferson county, where he lives comfortably. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch came to Indiana in 1812, and settled near Buchanan's Station, in Jefferson county, while the Indians were still here, and raised a family of seven sons and five daughters.

Mr. Whitham is an enterprising and successful farmer.

GEORGE WHITHAM, farmer, Shelby township, is the son of Benjamin Whitham, who was born in Maryland, but spent his boyhood days in Kentucky, and came to Ripley county, Ind., about eighty years ago, where he died twenty-four years ago. The mother of the subject of this sketch was Nancy Birchfield, daughter of Robert Birchfield, who came from Kentucky in early times to Indiana. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier.

Mr. George Whitham was born in 1832, in Ripley county, Ind., was raised on the farm, and was educated in the country schools of his day.

At the age of 24 he married Emily J. Schmetger, daughter of Charles Schmetger, a native of Germany, and they are the parents of eight children: Benjamin B., Charles C., Anis, Mollie, William M., Joseph W., Robert Newton and John L. Mr. Whitham entered the service in 1864 as private in Co. I, Fortieth Reg. Ind. Infantry, and served some eleven months. He was in the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville and in some minor engagements. After the close of the war he returned home and settled down to the quiet life of a farmer. He owns some 600 acres of well-improved land in Jefferson and Ripley counties, and is one of Jefferson's best and most energetic citizens.

He was married a second time to Miss Sallie E. Conner, daughter of Louis Conner, who was a son of Louis Conner, a pioneer of this county.

He has never been an office seeker, and is not a member of any order save the G. A. R.

GEORGE L. T. WIDERIN, pastor of St. Patricks, North Madison, Indiana, is a native of Louisville, Ky. He was born June 20, 1847. His father, Christian Widerin, was a native of Austrian Tyrol; and his mother, Mary Anna Meder, a native of Bavaria.

Father Widerin was about fourteen years old when his father, a tailor by trade, enlisted in Co. A, Twenty-third Indiana Vol. Infantry; being disabled was discharged in or about 1863.

George L. T. Widerin was a private of Co. A, One hundred and forty-fourth Indiana Vol. Infantry. He was educated at St. Meinrads, Spencer county, Ind., excepting one year course at Indianapolis, Indiana.

In May, 1877, he was ordained priest at St. Meinrads, Spencer county, Indiana, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Maurice De St. Palais.

His first charge was Haubstad, Gibson county, Princeton and Abertsville, Indiana. In 1882 was removed to North Madison, Jefferson county, Indiana, attending to St. Anthony's Church, China P. O., and to Immaculate Conception, Vevay, Switzerland county, Indiana.

The parish of North Madison, as by late census taken, shows up seventy-six Catholic families, the parish of China P. O. fifty, Vevay thirty-eight.

The North Madison Church was established March 22, 1853. The first pastor proper was Father Hypolite Du Pontavice, residence at Madison.

At time of building of the church, the congregation numbered over one hundred and twenty-five families. The J., M. & I. car shops, and other important enterprises, removed from North Madison, families also removed. The church is a brick building, forty by ninety feet; parsonage a comfortable stone cottage; the school building and Sisters' residence is a frame building. Sisters of Providence, of St. Marys of the Woods, Vigo county, Indiana, are conducting the boys' and girls' school.

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BENJ. B. WILLIAMS, Lancaster township, Jefferson county. The subject of this sketch was born and reared on a farm in Lancaster township. He learned the blacksmith trade from his father, and has been engaged in that business the principal part of his life—the greater part of the time in this county.

He was born four miles southeast of Dupont, April 7, 1826, and attended the schools of that day.

In 1847 he started to work at his trade

in the town of Dupont, in a shop of his own, and continued at that business until 1854, when he went to Rising Sun and engaged in the retail drug business. He remained there until December, 1857, when, on account of his health, he was compelled to sell out the business. At that time he came back to Jefferson county, and purchased an interest in the mill at Lancaster, now known as the "Landon Mills." The mill was owned by John B. Craft and himself, the firm being Craft & Williams.

This firm continued until 1860, when Mr. Craft sold out to Mr. T. G. Payne, and the firm name became Payne & Williams. This firm continued until December, 1868, when Mr. Williams sold out his interest in the mill. In all, about eleven years spent in the milling business.

In 1868 Mr. Williams came back to Dupont and engaged in the blacksmith and agricultural implement business, and has been engaged in these two businesses ever since. In connection with his agricultural implement business he has dealt largely in the sale of fertilizing material ever since bone dust was first introduced into this county.

He is a Democrat in politics, and was elected as Township Trustee of Lancaster township, in 1880 against a majority of seventy or eighty on the Republican side.

Mr. Williams is a member of the Baptist Church at Dupont, and is a trustee for the church.

He has been an Odd Fellow since 1874.

He was married in November, 1852, to Miss Esther J. Craft, daughter of John B.

Craft, Sr. They have five living children, three boys and two girls: Mary E., married May 12, 1875, to Rev. John E. McCoy, a Baptist preacher of Indianapolis; James R., who is now practicing medicine in Indianapolis; John C., city editor on *Democrat*, Anderson, Ind.; and Benj. A. and Myra are still in school.

Mr. B. B. Williams is the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Blue) Williams, who were the parents of twelve children (Benjamin being the eldest), nine sons and three daughters.

Robert Williams was born a few miles back of Louisville, in Nelson county, on Salt river, and went, while quite young, with his father, to Greene county, Ohio, and from there came to Indiana in 1814, and settled four miles southeast of where Dupont now is, where he died February 24, 1876, at the age of 79 years.

Elizabeth Williams died at the old homestead, Jefferson county, Ind., May 26, 1872, aged 65 years.

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REMEMBRANCE J. WILLIAMS was a son of Roberts Williams; the latter a native of Kentucky, and who left Kentucky, when two years old, with his father, Remembrance Williams, and migrated to Greene county, Ohio. From Ohio he re-

moved to Jefferson county, Lancaster township, in 1814, where he died at an advanced age.

In 1804 or 1805, his elder brother, Remembrance, passed through Jefferson county in the employ of the United States surveyors. Remembrance, the father of Robert, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was with Washington during the distressing winter at Valley Forge.

Sarah Moncrief, a native Kentuckian, was the mother of Remembrance J. Williams.

'Squire Williams was raised on a farm, and educated, in a manner, in the log school-house when puncheon floors were famous. One of the teachers was in the habit of "getting in liquor" occasionally; one day he got too much, and, to punish him, the "big boys" and the "giddy girls" buried him and dismissed his school.

When quite young, 'Squire Williams learned the blacksmith's trade in his father's shop, and has wrought at it until of late.

In 1844 he married Miss Emily Fenton, daughter of Bartholomew Fenton, who was born in Kentucky.

The children from this marriage are as follows: Mary E., who married Willis Singer, and lives in Ripley county, Ind.; Robert A., who married Miss Baxter, and lives in Monroe township; Sarah E. married Wm. A. Shuck, and lives in Jennings county, Ind.; Joana B., who married Rev. John Threlkeld, and lives in Bartholomew county, Ind.; Willard R., who lives at Haney's Corner; John B., M. D., practic-

ing at Honey Creek, and George H., who is also practicing physician.

'Squire Williams enlisted in the Sixth Indiana Volunteers in the year 1861, and was discharged for disability in 1863.

He has been Justice of the Peace in his township for some ten years. He owns 145 acres of land in this township.

MRS. MATILDA WILLOUGHBY, farmer and trader, Monroe township, Jefferson county. Mrs. Willoughby was born in the State of New York, July 31, 1825. Her father was Abraham Smart, a native of England, and came to the United States in 1820. His family were James, born March 12, 1819; Christopher, 1824; Matilda, July 31, 1825; Isaac, November 22, 1828; Elizabeth, December 10, 1830, and Alford B., August 5, 1831.

The subject of our sketch was married June 14, 1859, to David McKay, a native of Virginia, who died October 21, 1870. She lived a widow for three years, when she was married to Thomas Willoughby, who was born in Virginia, and came at an early date to this county. Mrs. Willoughby owns 110 acres of land, some valuable stocks, and other property of various kinds.

She never raised any children of her own, but has raised three of other parents. She has been a church member for the greater part of her life, and is now an earnest supporter of the Adventist doctrine or faith.

JAMES C. WOODS, farmer, Monroe township, was born in 1828, in Dearborn county, Ind.; was raised on a farm, and educated in the common schools.

His father, Joseph Woods, was born in Pennsylvania in 1793; he came to Indiana in 1816, and settled in Dearborn county. Here he remained until 1837, when he removed to Jefferson county, into what is now Monroe township, where he died in 1853.

He was one of the first Justices of the Peace in Dearborn county, and was elected to that office in Jefferson county, where he held the office for nine or ten years, and was serving at the time of his death.

The mother of Mr. James C. Woods was Miss Isabel Bushfield, daughter of Samuel Bushfield, all natives of Ireland. The family of Joseph Woods was composed of nine children, seven of whom lived to maturity.

Mr. James C. Woods, at the age of 22, began to learn the trade of coach blacksmithing. He served part of his time in Madison, Ind., and finished at Frankfort, Ky. He worked at this trade for five years.

He married Susan A. Read, in December, 1852. She was the daughter of Andrew Read, a native of Virginia, who removed to Kentucky after his daughter was born. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction. His father, Frank Read, was a Revolutionary soldier, and he, himself, was a soldier in the War of 1812-15.

Her mother's family, of French extraction, named Leftwich, were early settlers of Virginia.

The result of this marriage was six children, viz: Belle, Kate, Elizabeth, Anna, Howard and Ida. Kate is married to George Craig, and lives in Johnson county, Ind.; the others are at home, except Belle, who is at Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Woods owns 200 acres of good land, well improved. Is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Grange. Once held the office of township treasurer, and is a good citizen.

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ROBERT H. WOOD, one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers of Jef-

erson county, was born in Jefferson county, in 1852, March 25, and is a son of Ezra and Cassandra T. (Mayfield) Wood. Mr. Ezra Wood is a native of New York State. His father, Thurston Wood, came to Jefferson county in 1837, and bought a quarter section of land in Madison township, bordering on the line of Monroe township. Cassandra Mayfield was a native of Trimble county, Ky., and came to Indiana with her father in 1834. Ezra was born in 1827. Served in the Home Guards during the war of 1861-65. Was elected to different township offices and as justice of the peace.

The subject of this sketch is the second child of six sons and three daughters. Was educated in the common schools of the county. He was for two years gardener at the State House of Refuge, in Hendricks county, this State. He owns sixty acres of land and farms it in vegetables, fruit and flowers, and is in good substantial condition in business. June 12, 1879, he was married to Miss Clara T. Seidel, a native of Carrolton, Ky., whose parents are Germans. They have four children: Jessie A., Alfred C., Nelda A. and R. Emmet.

Mr. Wood is a director in Patrons Mutual Insurance Company; also director of Jefferson County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Wood is the largest grower of vegetables under glass in the county. He was the first man in the county to put in a system of pipes for supplying water

for stables, dwellings, greenhouses, etc. In 1887 he built three greenhouses, 20x50 feet.

He is more extensively engaged in mar-

ket-gardening than any man in the county, and beside, in connection with general farming, he is interested in breeding thoroughbred Jersey cattle and fancy poultry.

DR. C. H. WRIGHT was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 22, 1839. His parents were John H. and Anna M. Wright.

His father was born and raised in Maryland, his mother in Virginia. They were of English and German origin.

In early life Dr. Wright was thrown upon his own resources and had to make his own way and to educate himself; with pluck and energy, he succeeded in getting almost through his collegiate course at the Hartsville University, and one course of lectures in medical college. When the war broke out he volunteered as a private soldier on the 16th of April, 1861, for three months. At the expiration of this term he re-enlisted with Col. Lew Wallace in the Eleventh Indiana Zouave Regiment, for three years; in which regiment he served as a private soldier until after the battle of Shiloh, being in the battles of Fort Donnellson and Pittsburgh Landing, and after the battle was detailed to take charge of a number of sick and wounded on board a floating hospital (or hospital barge) "Ripley." When this boat was retired, was made hospital steward and assigned to duty on board the hospital boat "Stephen Decatur," and remained in this capacity until late in the summer of 1862, when, by reason of the injuries previously received while on the road to Corinth, was so incapacitated for any kind of duty, was, by special order, sent to St. Louis, Mo., and discharged, totally disabled.

During the following winter recuperated,

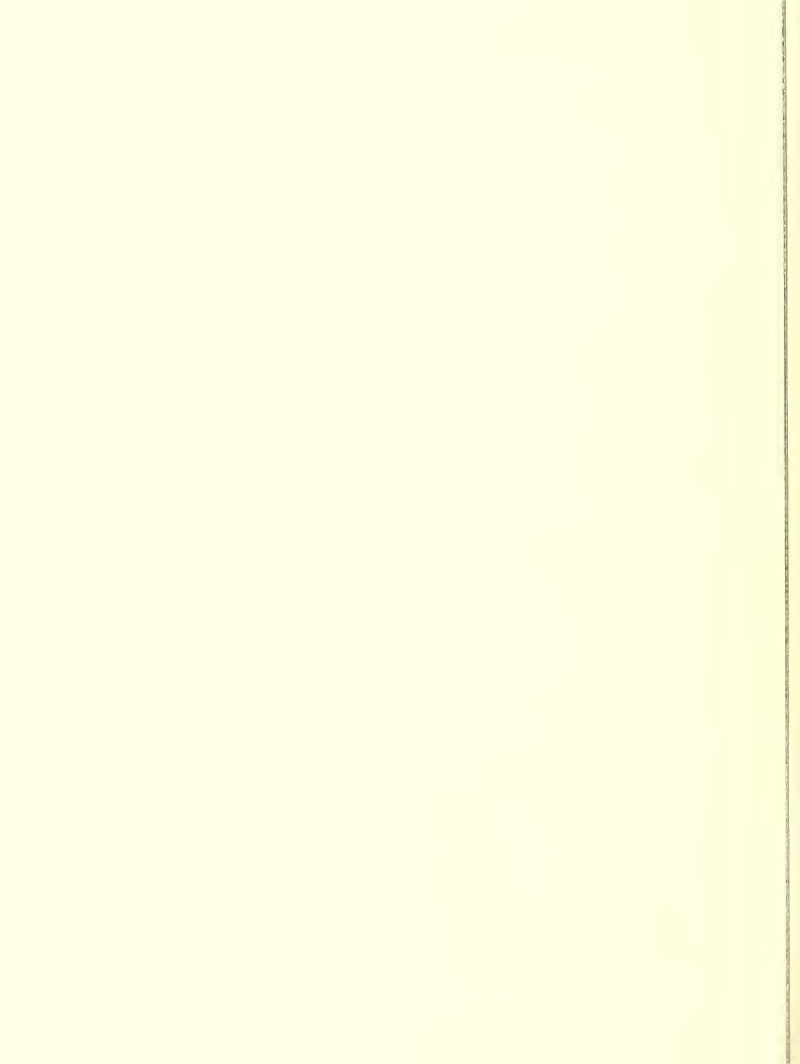
and finished a second course of lectures in the St. Louis Medical College, graduating in the spring of 1863. Commenced the practice of medicine in that city, but getting stronger determined to go to the front again; this time passing an examination by board of examining surgeons, became an acting assistant surgeon, U. S. A., in which capacity he served for several months, when the exposure and hardships were too much for him, and he was again compelled to return North, or die from injuries and hemorrhage from the lungs. During the following winter he improved very much in health, and again, in the spring of 1864, assisted in organizing the 134th Indiana Regiment, and went South with it as regimental quartermaster, in which regiment he served his time out, and was mustered out with the regiment at the expiration of its term.

During the fall of 1865 went North, and while there, having an opportunity, took a third course of lectures at Ann Arbor, Mich., coming back to Indiana in April, 1866, much improved in health. In June he married Miss Jennie Davis, a former schoolmate, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession in Jackson county, Indiana. In May the following year his wife died. In 1869 he again broke down in health; this time consulted the eminent surgeon, Dr. Geo. C. Blackburn, of Cincinnati, and while under his care and advice became much stronger, and attended another, the fourth course of lectures, at the





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Ohio Medical College, graduating from that college March 1, 1870.

He was again married, to Miss Jennie Vawter, of Jackson county, and remained there until April, 1873, when he moved to a healthier location at North Madison, where he has resided and practiced his profession to the present date.

During his professional life he has been for many years a member of the National Medical Association, having represented both County and State Societies in that body; also for twenty years a member of the State Medical Society; is at present Assistant Secretary of the Indiana State Medical Society and Secretary of the Jefferson County Medical Society.

He has been nineteen years a member of the I. O. O. F., having represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Indiana; is at present a member of Madison Lodge, No. 72, in Madison. He has, for some years, been a member of Alois Bachman Post, G. A. R., and one term surgeon of the Post; was appointed Examining Surgeon on the Board of Pension Examiners, at Madison under President Arthur, and was relieved from duty, for being an offensive partisan, when President Cleveland came into office.

He has at present a pleasant home, a fine practice, and a very productive as well as beautiful farm near his home.

He is one of the most successful practitioners in the county, and has attained to more than an ordinary degree of success in

his profession, and is regarded as one of the most progressive members of the medical fraternity.

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MILTON S. VAWTER was born February 17, 1829, in Madison township, Jefferson county, Ind. He is the son of James and Sarah B. (Watts) Vawter, who were natives of East Tennessee and Boone county, Ky. (see sketch of James Vawter, among the early settlers of the county).

Milton S. Vawter was born in the house in which he now lives, on a farm, and was reared upon it.

At the age of 20 he became a clerk for his brother, John W. Vawter, at North Madison, in the spring of 1849. He afterward engaged as a clerk for R. M. J. Cox, in the business of merchandise, at Taylorsville, Bartholemew county, Ind., for one year.

In June, 1850, he commenced business for himself, and continued until the fall of same year, when he sold out to Mr. George Brown, and returned to Jefferson county, to assist his brother, J. W. Vawter, in building plank roads.

In 1851, went to Elizabethtown, Bartholomew county, Ind., and commenced merchandizing, and continued until 1855.

He then went to Baton Rouge, La., to assist his brother in building plank roads. In 1856 he went to Amity, Johnson county, Ind., with a new stock of merchandise, and continued there until 1868. From there he went to Martinsville, Morgan county, Ind., and ran a flouring mill for one year.

Early in 1860 he opened a dry-goods store in Madison, Ind., and continued until fall of 1861, when he sold out his stock.

In 1863 he was engaged on the river, on which he filled several places, from watchman to captain—was on Clara Dunning, David White and Alice V., part of the time in the United States Government service, on the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. Continued river life until spring of 1867. In December, 1867, he opened up in business again in North Madison, and in 1869 sold out, and again went to Madison, where he sold goods for a short time; then constructed a storeroom at his home on the farm, where he continued to do business.

Mr. Vawter was married in Adams county, Ohio, December, 1865, to Miss Aurena L. Vawter, a native of Jefferson county, Indiana, by whom he had three children: Frank C., Lennie F. and Bert W.; the latter died in infancy. September 4, 1872. His wife died October 31, 1872.

He was married a second time, November 16, 1876, to Susan G. Sebree, a native of Gallatin county, Kentucky.

Mr. Vawter owns 275 acres of land in Jefferson county. He received a very limited education, but is a thorough business man.

Judge John Watts, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia in 1767, and came to Dearborn county, Indiana, about 1817; was a Baptist preacher and was a judge of the county courts in very early times in this State.

The name of Vawter is derived from the French.

CAPT. ARGUS D. VANOSDOL is a native of Jefferson county, Ind. He was born September 18, 1839. He is a son of Thomas J. Vanosdol and Charlotte (Eastwood) Vanosdol.

Thomas J. Vanosdol was born in Mercer county, Ky., in 1813, and came to Vevay, Switzerland county, Ind., in the year 1818. In 1833 he located in Madison. Was a cutter and dealer in stone, and a builder. He spent the last thirty years of his life on a farm, in Switzerland county, Ind. He died April 11, 1886. Charlotte Eastwood Vanosdol was born in Ohio.

The great-grandfather (Stewart) of Capt. Vanosdol was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was a native of Massachu-

setts Colony, but entered the army from the State of New York.

Capt. Vanosdol's paternal grandfather, Jacob Vanosdol, was one of the Kentucky Rangers during the war of 1811-12; was at the battle of Tippecanoe with Gen. W. H. Harrison, and was engaged in other battles in that war.

His maternal grandfather, Eastwood, was a German by birth, and was also a soldier in the War of 1812.

July 4, 1861, Captain A. D. Vanosdol enlisted in Co. A, Third Regiment Indiana Cavalry, as a private soldier. He was made Sergeant-Major, and afterward promoted to the captaincy of Co. I, same regiment, in February, 1862. He continued in this position until the summer of 1863, when he was discharged on account of injuries received in the battles of 1862 and at Stone River.

After his health was restored, early in 1865, he enlisted as a private in Co. B, 156th Regiment Indiana Vols., and was immediately promoted to the first lieutenantcy of his company, and served the most of the time on detached duty, until his discharge in August, 1865.

Capt. Vanosdol was educated in the common schools and at the State University; and from the law department of that institution he graduated, with honor, in 1870.

In May, 1871, he located at Madison in the practice of law. He is a hard student, possesses a fine memory, and stands high at the bar as a lawyer. In 1886, while in

California attending the National Encampment of the G. A. R., he was tendered the nomination for Congress in his district by his party, but declined.

Capt. Vanosdol was Inspector-General of G. A. R. in 1886, upon the staff of Gen. S. Burdette, Commander-in-Chief of G. A. R., and is at present Department Commander of Department of Indiana G. A. R. He is also colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Indiana Brigade Uniform Rank of K. of P. In politics he is a Republican.

His wife was a Miss Mary C. Henry, to whom he was married in August, 1862.

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JOHN A. ZUCK, City Clerk, Madison, Indiana, is a native of Jefferson county, and was born in the city of Madison, May 19, 1851. He is the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Roberts) Zuck, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky respectively.

His father came to Madison in 1832, and was for many years a prominent business man of the city, engaged in the grocery business; he served the City Council in 1851.

Mr. John A. Zuck was raised in Madison, was educated in the public schools; commonly he was out of school at work in his father's store.

At the age of thirteen he went into the army, in Co. E, One hundred and thirty-seventh Regiment Indiana Vol. Infantry, as a drummer boy; was out about six months, when he came home and resumed his studies. He graduated from National Business College in 1869. Afterward he became a clerk in the dry goods business; was clerk on a steamboat in the Kentucky river trade, in the employ of the Cincinnati and Louisville Mail Line Company, for three and one-half years.

Mr. Zuck was elected City Clerk in May,

1885, and re-elected in 1887. He is a Democrat.

In February, 1876, he was married to Miss Lelia L. Flora, of Madison. Mr. Zuck is a member of the I. O. O. F., Order of Red Men, K of P. Is Grand Senior Sagamore of Indiana in the Order of Red Men, which is the second office in rank in that Order; and is in line of promotion to the office of Great Sachem in that order. Is a P. G. in the I. O. O. F. and P. C. in the K. of P.













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